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Papandreou, Ozal try to melt the ice

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 30, (Kuna): Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou and his Turkish counterpart Turgut Ozal today met twice to discuss ways to ease tension between their two countries.

It was the first such high level contact between the two countries since 1978.

The meetings, held during the world economic forum symposium in the Swiss Alps, could pave the way to formal negotiations on several issues that have over the past 20 years brought the two countries to the brink of war on a number of occasions, Greek and Turkish diplomats said.

Reception

Further meetings in Davos between the two leaders were expected to be held tomorrow, and possibly early next week.

The first talks were during a reception hosted by Papandreou, in the same hotel where Ozal was staying. Both men, surrounded by their assistants, came face-to-face, and took the opportunity to have an unscheduled 45-minute exchange.

Turkish sources said that the two leaders did not try to get to grips immediately with the issues that divided them, but instead spent the time discussing less controversial questions, particularly economic matters.

They then shook hands in front of television cameras.

They later held more talks.

Floods hit UK

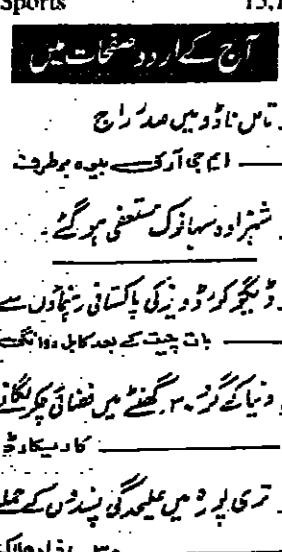
LONDON, Jan 30, (Reuter): Floods hit parts of southern England yesterday as rainstorms threatened to give the country its wettest January since World War Two.

People caught in floods that submerged whole villages in the southern counties of Kent, Sussex and Essex were furious at weathermen who forecast a day of bright sunshine with possible showers.

At least three people died in traffic accidents on roads awash with water, which sometimes reached a depth of six feet (1.8m).

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WEATHER

CLOUDY to partly cloudy weather with light variable and southeasterly wind.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, slight to moderate High water: 8.30 am, 9.30 pm Low water: 4.00 am, 5.30 pm Sunrise: 6.38 am Sunset: 5.25 pm Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 18°C 64°F
Al Khaleej: 16°C 61°F
Fallaka: 16°C 61°F
Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 19°C 66°F
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Saudis may resume relations with Soviets

MANAMA, Jan 30, (AP): Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal left Moscow today after a three-day visit and cooperation talks with Soviet leaders, amid reports the two countries were to resume diplomatic ties after a 50-year hiatus.

Saudi diplomatic sources said Saudi was to make brief stopovers in a number of European capitals, then proceed to Washington for talks with US officials before returning home.

No official word was immediately available here or in Riyadh on the issue of relations. But the Abu Dhabi government-owned newspaper Al-Ittihad said in a dispatch from Moscow that Prince Saud and his Soviet counterpart Eduard Shevardnadze discussed the subject at length.

Accord

It said the two men on Friday held a 4 1/2-hour session of talks and reached undisputed accord on means of protecting commercial navigation in the Gulf waters and ending the Soviet military occupation of Afghanistan.

The two sides "scored consensus" on the necessity of ending the Iran-Iraq war and on assembling an international naval force to protect commercial navigation in the Gulf waters if need be, the paper said.

The Tass news agency quoted Prince Saud as saying he saw eye-to-eye with Soviet officials on the

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Globe-trotting record set

SEATTLE, Jan 30, (AP): A passenger jet arrived back in Seattle this morning after flying 100 champagne-sipping philanthropists around the world in record time to raise money for children's charities.

The Boeing 747SP, dubbed Friendship One, began its timed run from a radio beacon tower at

Seattle-Tacoma international airport shortly after 0300 GMT on Friday.

It passed the beacon tower again today at 1617 GMT for an unofficial time of 36 hours, 50 minutes, flight officials said. That bettered the old record by more than eight hours.

Thousands march in Dhaka protesting police killings

DHAKA, Jan 30, (Agencies): Twenty thousand demonstrators marched silently through Dhaka today in protest at shooting by police last weekend that Bangladesh's opposition says, killed a total of 24 people.

The march was led by Begum Khaleda Zia, one of the two major opposition leaders who have been campaigning since Nov 10 for the resignation of President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

At a rally before the start of the march, opposition leaders called for another series of general strikes for Feb 6, 13 and 14 to what they said will keep pressure on Ershad to step down.

Ignored

"The man who ordered the killing of so many people has forfeited all rights to stay (in power)," they said in a declaration.

A police official said riot police simply watched as the demonstrators marched through Dhaka's main streets in silence.

"Some of them threw few stones at us, but we ignored because we were under orders to

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UAE rules out imposition of income tax

deficit on the 1988 federal budget.

ABU DHABI, Jan 30, (Reuter): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has ruled out imposing income tax, a top government official said, becoming the second Gulf country to do so since Saudi Arabia decreed, then revoked, a tax on foreign labour.

Finance and Industry Undersecretary Naser Al Nuweiri, in an interview with Al Khaleej newspaper today, said neither income tax nor foreign loans would be sought to shore up an expected

Services

"We are studying ways to shore up the deficit, especially raising fees on services," he said. "But there is no plan to impose



A Palestinian woman is tear-gassed by Israeli soldiers in Ramallah during a protest following Friday prayers. (Reuter wirephoto)

Presidential rule imposed on Tamil Nadu

MGR's widow sacked

NEW DELHI, Jan 30, (Reuter):

The Indian government sacked the widow of screen idol M.G. Ramachandran as chief minister of Tamil Nadu today and imposed direct rule from New Delhi in India's southernmost state.

The decision throws open a battle for supremacy between Janaki Ramachandran and her husband's former leading lady and close associate Jayalalitha.

President Ramaswamy Venkataraman said he had agreed to a central government's request to impose president's rule and dissolve the Tamil Nadu assembly following "the breakdown of constitutional machinery in the state."

Solve

He said in a statement that Tamil Nadu Governor S.L. Krishnan, who will rule on New Delhi's behalf, had been told to call fresh elections as soon as possible to solve a battle for political supremacy in the state.

The political turmoil which has gripped Tamil Nadu since the death of Ramachandran on

Readiness

The Soviet side expressed readiness to withdraw their occupation forces from Afghanistan as soon as possible, "if assurances were furnished that no foreign power will meddle in the Asian country's domestic affairs," they quoted Soviet as telling Saudi, in an apparent allusion to the United States.

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Victims

The victims were Bengalis settled in the state, UNI said. Tripura is about 1,500 kilometres (930 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

UNI said the victims of the shooting last night included women and children but did not give any further details.

Political

Tripura, which holds state government elections Feb 2, was declared a "disturbed area" yesterday by the federal government.

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INTERNATIONAL

UN is owed \$1b in dues

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 30. (Reuter): The financially strapped United Nations is owed nearly one billion dollars in unpaid dues, a UN spokesman said.

He said \$172.9 million had so far been paid in 1988 contributions, leaving \$597.6 million still to be collected for the current year.

Unpaid budget dues for 1987 and all previous years amount to nearly \$340.9 million, making a total outstanding of \$938.5 million.

Secretary General Javier Perez du Cuello has often complained that the organisation's money troubles stem from the failure of member states to pay their contributions promptly and in full.

The spokesman said 14 of the UN's 159 members had already paid their 1988 dues in full and had no arrears for prior years: Albania, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Kuwait, Malta, Norway, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Sweden.

Sixteen countries owe nothing for 1987 or prior years but still have a part of their 1988 assessment outstanding: Australia, Britain, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Gabon, West Germany, India, Iraq, Japan, Malawi, Netherlands, Pakistan, Portugal, Somalia, Venezuela and Zambia.

Mistrial in smoker's suit

LEXINGTON, Mississippi, Jan 30. (AP): A judge declared a mistrial after a jury said it was unable to reach a verdict in a \$17-million lawsuit filed against a cigarette manufacturer by a lung cancer victim.

The jury deliberated almost three hours Thursday and nearly eight hours Friday in the case against American Brands Inc. before announcing it was deadlocked 7-5. Nine votes were required for a verdict.

Holmes county circuit judge Gray Evans then declared the mistrial.

The suit against the company, which manufactures Pall Mall and other brands, was brought in 1986 by Nathan Horton, 50, a housing contractor who died of lung cancer Jan. 25, 1987. His estate continued the case, seeking \$2 million in compensatory and \$15 million in punitive damages.

Horton smoked two packs of unfiltered Pall Malls a day for about 25 years. His videotaped testimony, recorded before his death, was played at the trial.

Severe blow to Kampuchean coalition

Sihanouk quits rebel alliance

BELJING, Jan 30. (AP): Cambodia's mercurial resistance leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, said today he had resigned "irrevocably" as head of the three-party coalition fighting to end Vietnam's nine-year military occupation of Cambodia.

Sihanouk, in a handwritten statement in French, said he had spent "many sleepless nights" before deciding to quit as president of Democratic Kampuchea (Cambodia), a post he has held since the anti-Vietnamese coalition was formed in June 1982.

Sihanouk's departure could be a severe diplomatic blow to the prestige of the coalition. The main military force in the group, the China-backed Khmer Rouge, is tainted by its past history of atrocities, and nationalist leader Son Sann has little international stature.

Fight
The 65-year-old former monarch said his forces would continue to fight Vietnam's 140,000 troops in Cambodia along with the communist Khmer Rouge and the forces of Son Sann.

He designated his son, Prince Ranariddh, who heads Sihanouk's military forces to represent

him in the coalition.

Sihanouk, who last May announced he was taking a one year "leave of absence" from the coalition presidency after accusing Khmer Rouge forces of attacking his own, this time criticized Son Sann.

Despite his announced leave of absence, Sihanouk continued to act as president of the government at diplomatic events.

Sihanouk linked his rift with Son Sann to Sihanouk's recent negotiations in Paris with Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Vietnam-installed government in Phnom Penh.

He said Son Sann and his Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) "have never ceased their attempts to discredit me by all means."

Solution

He said that in opening talks with Hun Sen "to try to find a fair solution to this tragic and bloody problem of Cambodia" Son Sann had "never hesitated to accuse me unjustly of 'national treason' and 'playing the game of the Vietnamese colonialists.'

Both the Khmer Rouge and Son Sann have refused to join the talks. Son Sann said there should

be no talks unless Vietnam takes part or first pulls its troops out of Cambodia.

Sihanouk did not comment on the future of his talks with Hun Sen.

In December and earlier this month he held two rounds of talks in Paris, reaching a broad agreement on the need for national reconciliation but making little apparent headway of a timetable for Vietnamese troop withdrawal, the future role of the Khmer Rouge and Sihanouk's demand that the Hun Sen government be dismantled.

Sihanouk, 65, who was driven from power in a 1970 coup, has always had volatile relations with his coalition partners. He has threatened to resign on numerous occasions, and has had particularly uneasy ties with the Khmer Rouge, which held him under house arrest and killed him under house arrest and killed several of his family members during the 1975-1978 period when they exercised their vicious rule over Cambodia.

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Vietnam invaded Cambodia in December 1978, driving the Khmer Rouge from Phnom Penh and installing a puppet government in the capital.

Filipino communists expand hit-list

Rebels plan to kill US envoy

MANILA, Jan 30. (AP): Communist rebels were reported today to be considering an assassination attempt on the US ambassador and were threatening to kill any foreigner involved in the counterinsurgency effort.

The warnings were made in an interview conducted by an Australian journalist with two officials of the Alex Boncayao Brigade, a Manila-based urban guerrilla unit responsible for the murders of scores of police and soldiers in the capital last year.

The journalist, Gwen Robinson, is a free-lance writer who contributes reports to several publications, including the South China Morning Post of Hong Kong.

In the interview, two brigade spokesmen, identified only by the aliases "Sonny" and "Jesse," said they were "considering" an

attempt on the life of US Ambassador Nicholas Platt.

"But we will give him ample time and warning before we do it," Jesse said without elaborating. Communist rebels frequently have accused the United States of meddling in Philippine affairs.

The two spokesmen also said the list of potential targets was being expanded to include nationalities other than Filipinos and Americans. The rebels repeatedly have warned of attacks on US troops and civilians allegedly involved in the government's fight against the guerrillas.

Cebu city is the country's second major metropolitan area and is some 560 kilometres southeast of Manila.

The rebels ambushed three Philippine Constabulary troopers today near Cebu city, killing a captain and wounding a sergeant in a pre-dawn shootout. The killing came one day after

rebels assassination teams shot and killed two policemen in Bacolod city in what appeared to be a stepped-up campaign by the New People's Army against soldiers and law enforcement officers.

A constabulary report said five gunmen opened fire on Capt. Danilo Tapadas, commanding officer of the 348th PC company, and two sergeants after they left a tavern where an informant reported seeing suspected members of a rebel assassination team.

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In Bacolod city, 480

kilometres south of the capital, the military said three gunmen opened fire on patrolman Joe Carino, 31, as he was returning home early Friday.



A man, his face covered in cuts, stares vacantly as his shack goes up in flames in Cape Town's KTC squatters camp. (Reuter wirephoto)

Scientists unlock key to taste

BALTIMORE, Jan 30. (UPI):

Scientists working to unlock the biochemical key to taste have identified mechanisms that appear to trigger the widely varying sensations of sweet, sour, salty and bitter, research showed.

Discoveries by two research groups working independently in West Germany and Japan indicate intracellular substances calling cyclic nucleotides are central to the reception of sweet tastes, the scientists reported in the journal Nature.

"These two papers show much more convincing evidence that the complexities of tastes seem to be related to different mechanisms," said Geoffrey Gold, an assistant professor at Yale University School of Medicine.

Gold said unlocking the biochemical key to triggering specific tastes "has tremendous applications ... anything that will help enhance taste is going to have a big commercial payoff."

Researchers at the University of Saar in Hamburg, West Germany, and Asahi University in Japan found the injection of cyclic nucleotides, which are common biochemical messengers, into sweet-responsive taste cells suddenly increased electrical resistance in the cell membrane.

Killing

Local residents said gangs of radical youths attacked supporters of the more conservative Masinedane group, which is trying to set up a municipal-style administration in the camp.

Masinedane leader Storeman Madubele, 40, was killed by radical youths shortly after mid-

Thousands flee as battles rage in black camps

CAPE TOWN, Jan 30. (UPI):

Refugees streamed away from Cape Town's battle-ravaged KTC squatter camp today after fighting that has left two people dead and close to 3,000 homeless.

Black clergyman Allan Boesak, Cape Town-based president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, met leaders of the feuding factions in the nearby Holy Cross Church today in an effort to negotiate a truce.

The fighting, the worst since bloody battles that left 50 dead and more than 50,000 homeless in May, 1986, erupted on Thursday and continued into the night Friday.

Flames lit up the settlement, which is part of the giant crossroads squatter settlement established over 10 years ago by blacks arriving in defiance of laws restricting the free movement of black work-seekers.

Reporters looking in from surrounding hills said it appeared that about 400 shacks had been burned since Thursday, leaving up to 3,000 people homeless.

The fighting mirrored violence

that erupted in the settlement almost two years ago, pitting anti-government "comrades" against more conservative adults known as the "white dock."

About 50 people, including a London-based television cameraman, were killed and more than 50,000 people were left homeless by the destruction of some 10,000 shanties.

Taiwan leader buried

Thousands attend funeral

TAIPEI, Jan 30. (Reuter):

Ty's Shrine attended by about 3,000 government ruling party officials and foreign dignitaries.

Chiang's Russian-born widow

Faina, who was rushed to hospital with heart problems following his death this month, sat

ashen-faced in a wheelchair alongside her two sons and a daughter.

The service in the shrine, dedicated to those who died in China's 1911 Nationalist revolution, was Christian. Both Chiang and his father were Protestants.

High-school choirs sang psalms, readings were taken from the Bible. The service ended in the confucian tradition as the congregation bowed three times to the brass coffin.

The streets of Taipei were lined with Buddhist altars stacked with fruit as offerings to the soul of the President.

"He always thought of the common people. That's why we'll miss him," said a 26-year-old bystander.

Chiang was once the feared

tyrannical leader of the secret police force which cracked down on dissent in the years after 1949 when the Nationalists, led by his father, fled to Taiwan from China as the communists took over the mainland.

In his later years Chiang

Kung-ho developed a man-in-the-street image, making frequent trips into the countryside dressed casually in a windcheater and baseball cap.

More than one million people, many of them weeping and sobbing, filed night and day past his open coffin in the shrine where it was laid in state.

Chiang died of a heart attack on Jan 13. He had been suffering from diabetes and wore a heart pacemaker.

He spent his final years ramming countries to generate support for a peace proposal that calls for a six-month cooling off period in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and international peace conference and a moratorium on Israeli settlements in the occupied lands.

Effort

A senior Egyptian official told Reuters Mubarak's three days of talks with President Reagan, Shultz and others were extremely productive.

Veteran US envoy Philip Habib delivered a message to King Hussein from President Reagan today the official Jordan news agency reported, in Amman.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Finland polls

HELSINKI, Jan 30. (Reuter): Finnish President Mauno Koivisto looked certain to be re-elected next Monday, as the latest poll today showed his popularity steady at 52 per cent.

The poll gave 17 per cent of the vote to conservative Prime Minister Harri Holkeri with Paavo Vaeyrynen of the rural-based Centre Party at 16 per cent.

JAL crash

TOKYO, Jan 30. (Reuter): A group of 150 Japanese filed a suit in Tokyo today for about 15.87 billion yen (\$124 million) in damages from the Boeing aircraft company resulting from the 1985 crash of a Japan Air Lines plane, a court spokesman said.

The group were relatives of the 320 people killed in the worst ever disaster in aviation history.

Killing plea

MOUNT HOLLY, New Jersey, Jan 30. (AP): A distraught self-made millionaire who failed in five attempts to commit suicide persuaded an employee to kill him in exchange for \$40,000 and a \$60,000 car, authorities said.

An assistant prosecutor, Gregory Shivers, said the employee was charged yesterday with second-degree manslaughter — and not murder — because an investigation showed the millionaire had wanted to die.

The millionaire, Julius A. Bittmann, a 44-year-old Hungarian immigrant, was shot to death on Nov 25.

Border dispute

LIBREVILLE, Jan 30. (Reuter): Six African foreign ministers will meet in Libreville, Gabon, on Monday in renewed efforts to solve a border dispute between Chad and Libya, sources close to the Gabonese government said today.

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The talks also dealt with chances of improving "Soviet-Soviet" ties, the paper said. Citing Saudi official sources, it added that there "are no impediments to a resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries."

Arab diplomatic sources, meanwhile, said that Prince Said invited Shevardnadze to visit Riyadh to "explore more deeply the question of relations."

Relations between Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union began in 1926 at a consular level. The two countries upgraded mutual representation to legation in 1929. In 1938, the Soviet diplomatic mission in Saudi Arabia was recalled to Moscow, ending diplomatic ties.

Palestinians shot

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work to end the Arab-Israeli conflict but no sign of a specific breakthrough in Middle East peace efforts.

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to consider a recommendation from Khurana to dismiss the Janaki administration.

The cabinet decided to act, said the presidential statement, because "there was a breakdown of constitutional machinery in the state and the situation has arisen in which it has become impossible to carry on the government in accordance with the provisions of the constitution."

Both Janaki and Jayalalitha factions have voiced backing for the Indo-Sri Lankan accord, but political sources in Madras said an election campaign could bring hitherto unspoken reservations into the open.

Jayalalitha's faction appears largely behind the accord, but the sources said the Janaki faction contained some politicians strongly opposed to Indian military action against ethnic Tamils in Sri Lanka.

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Kuwait, Czechoslovakia seek to boost ties

KUWAIT'S Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed yesterday said that his office visiting Czechoslovak Foreign Undersecretary Dosan Olcak and the delegation accompanying him.

Olcak delivered a message to Sheikh Sabah from Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Chmoupek on bilateral relations and developments in the region as well as issues of joint interest.

Olcak also met with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Saudi Mohammed Al Ossaimi and discussed bilateral relations and ways of bolstering joint cooperation in different sectors.

The official talks between the Kuwaiti and the Czechoslovak delegations began yesterday, headed by Olcak and Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen.

Uprising

An official source at the Foreign Ministry told Kuna that the talks dealt with issues of joint interest in the light of the current developments in the region in addition to bilateral relations of cooperation in various fields.

Symposium on housing



Al Roudhan and Latifa Al Rajaib address a number of housing issues at the recent symposium sponsored by Kuwait's Girls Club.



Interested citizens attend the symposium on women and housing.

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan, speaking at a recent symposium entitled "Kuwaiti Women and Housing," said the government was concerned about the housing issue and was continuously working to provide housing security for Kuwaiti families.

He stressed that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister had formed a special Higher Housing Council to study the housing issue which was evidence of his concern in this area.

The minister said the government had allocated a total of KD15 billion for the construc-

The source said as for the Iran-Iraq war, the Czechoslovak side has expressed the view that this should come to an end in accordance with the international efforts represented by the UN Security Council resolution 598.

The two delegations agreed on the need that the resolution should be implemented in full, the source said.

Talks also covered the situation in the occupied Arab territories in the light of the current popular uprising and the Israeli repressive and brutal measures which the Palestinian people there are facing.

Shehane explained to his Czechoslovak counterpart Kuwait's position and that of the Arabs in general concerning what is going on.

Supportive

The Czechoslovak official expressed full solidarity with the Palestinian people, the source said, adding that Olcak affirmed that the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people has drawn the attention of the whole world to the ordeal of the Palestinians under occupation.



The new cabinet ministers took the oath yesterday before HH the Amir, who urged them to work sincerely in the interest of Kuwait and its people. Picture shows the Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzak Yousef Al Abdul Razzak, taking the oath.

Kuwait to host Middle East AIDS conference

KUWAIT will host the second Middle East conference on AIDS from February 8 to 10 amidst rising concern in the region to the dangers of the killer disease.

Health officials said on Saturday delegates had been invited from all 20 states of the Eastern Mediterranean region of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which stretches from Morocco to Afghanistan.

Although the incidence of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome remains low in the Arab world compared to other parts of Africa and the West, concern is spreading.

He praised Kuwait's efforts in this area during an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper.

Kuwait's efforts in fighting terrorism praised

THE chairman of the Riyadh-based Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training, Dr Farouq Murad, has said that the centre will benefit from Kuwait's security apparatus in fighting terrorism.

He said that the centre had decided to award a prize of SR 100,000, a gold shield and a certificate of appreciation for the best book on security matters published during the past two years. This was to encourage studies in the security field, he added.

He said the centre had carried out 77 security studies and research until now. It also organised 35 seminars and 50 lectures. He said the centre's laboratories had the latest equipment for fighting crime.

He said the centre had organised 58 training courses.

BBC Arabic service marks 50th anniversary

THE deputy director-general of radio and television at Kuwait's Communication Ministry, Abdul Rahman Hadi, is taking part in the 50th anniversary celebrations of the BBC Arabic Service today.

The Arabic Service will broadcast a four-way live discussion programme linking its studio in London with Kuwait, Cairo and Amman.

The organiser of the BBC's topical programmes chairs the discussion in London, and will be joined by Abdul Rahman Hadi in Kuwait, the Egyptian writer, broadcaster and former head of the Middle East Radio in Cairo, Farouk Khorsheed, and the chairman of the Arab Broadcasting Union and head of radio and television in Amman, Nassouh Majali.

The link-up will take place at 1615 GMT on 9.825, 7.14 and 6.00 MHz, 702 and 639 KHz to the Middle East.

People using this road have already expressed their appreciation for the service, he said, which has been used on a number of occasions following traffic accidents on Salmy and Abdaly Roads.

He said that simply by lifting the telephone receiver, the caller was immediately connected with the fire centre. These sets have been specially designed to withstand impact caused by possible car collisions, he said, and were purchased and installed at a cost of KD7,250 per set. He added that the telephones have been installed at distances of two km along the Abdaly Road.

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Speaking at a symposium held by the Agricultural Engineers Society, he added that the fish farms will consist of a number of types of fish, including seabream, bream and bream.

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Kif trying to breed fish on a large scale

THE Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research is striving to find the best way of breeding fish on a large commercial scale, the director of the agriculture and fisheries department, Dr Sulaiman Al Matar, said.

The 2,300 page manual includes terminology in science, technology, industry, international law (including sharia), outer space, nuclear energy, disarmament, narcotics, drugs, law of the sea, genetic engineering, mass media and culture.

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Saudis turn back truckloads of Iranian farm produce

MANAMA, Jan 30, (UPI): Saudi Arabia inched toward a full embargo against Iran today, and an American warship rescued a neutral Yugoslav tanker bullied by an Iranian frigate as it steamed through international waters off the Dubai coast.

Saudi Arabian authorities today turned back "several" truckloads of Iranian farm produce to their point of transit in Dubai, UAE after an undeclared Saudi embargo on Iranian exports. Arab merchants in the region said.

Arab leaders in November condemned Iran for occupying Iraqi land and expressed solidarity with Iraq and Kuwait, but fell short of imposing sanctions on Iran at the end of an Arab League summit in Amman.

Embargo

Diplomats said Saudi Arabia — whose relations with Iran reached an all time low after the July 31 bloody riots in the Saudi holy city of Makkah in which at least 400 pilgrims, mostly Iranians, were killed — appeared to be inching toward a full embargo on Iran.

"The Saudis are inching toward a full embargo against Iran," one diplomat said, "as part of wider efforts to force the Iranians to stop the Gulf war."

The "wider efforts" include recent Saudi attempts to persuade the Soviet Union to impose an arms and economic

embargo on Iran.

Reports in the Gulf, meanwhile, said American and French warships yesterday rescued a Yugoslav freighter being "bullied" by an Iranian frigate as it steamed through international waters off the Dubai coast.

Iran said its jets today swooped on Iranian positions along the waterfront on land, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing Iranian troops to take cover in Iraqi territory.

The high command in Baghdad, in a communiqué carried on Baghdad Radio, said its forces repulsed a second Iranian effort to land troops by sea on the northern front, killing 61 Iranian assault troops.

Iran yesterday claimed its jets attacked a tanker in the Gulf, the fifth Iraqi strike on commercial vessels in a week, and shipping officials said four seamen were killed in one of the earlier strikes.

President Saddam Hussein has blamed Iran for the Western military presence in the Arab Gulf region and regretted that the stand taken by some Arab states do not live up to the spirit of the Amman summit.

Saddam, in a dialogue with the Jordanian press and published in the Iraqi dailies today, said that the Iranian attacks on ships in the Gulf initiated the Western presence in its waters.

The US naval presence has ensured shipping traffic in and

out of Kuwait, Saddam said, adding it was beneficial in the absence of Arab potential to do the same job in face of Iranian threats to Arab countries in the Gulf.

However, that presence was not meant to force Tehran to accept the UN Security Council resolution 598, he noted.

The President underlined that Iraq is maintaining a strong position at the war front and pointed out that the Iranians are launching operations every now and then in a bid to end their isolation and to say that they still exist.

Contradicting

The Iraqi leader said that the minimum requirement of Arab cooperation is that Arabs should not get involved in an alliance with enemies to the Arab nation.

He criticised claims by certain Arabs that they maintain strategic relations with Iran that cannot be changed at a time when Iran is launching aggression on Iraq and threatening other Arab Gulf states.

Saddam said that Baghdad considers such statements as in support of Iran at the expense of the Arab nation and "totally contradicting the essence of the Amman summit."

He wondered whether such statements were a return to the pre-Amman summit stands or an attempt "to blackmail Iranians and Arabs to achieve selfish goals."

Teachers asked to work diligently



The education minister (right) addresses the gathering.

EDUCATION Minister Anwar Abdallah Al Nouri called on Kuwaiti teachers to spare no efforts in performing this "noble profession, pointing out the state's contribution to education.

Addressing the fourth educational forum, sponsored by the Kuwaiti Teachers Society, Al Nouri said that the teacher, alongside the family, is directly responsible for raising future generations, "hence, we are before a sublime task and not a mere profession."

He added that before joining this profession, a teacher must be fully aware of its burdens and must love his job because this is the chief incentive that will enable him to give it his utmost effort.

The Education Minister noted that the task of Kuwaiti teachers is no less dangerous than defend-

ing the country, describing the teacher as the "premier defender" of the country's future generations.

The talks also touched on Bahrain's role in the GCC, it added without elaboration.

House allocation

THE assistant director for housing applications and allocations at the National Housing Authority (NHA), Ahmad Abdul Aziz Al Samakeh, has said that the NHA would allocate 490 houses at the West Rabia housing projects in the first phase of the project.

He said that Kuwaiti teachers are well-paid and given many incentives that no other government employee gets, citing as an example that a Kuwaiti teacher, who graduates from the university is appointed on the fourth grade and receives a salary of KD450.

He also said that 265 houses out of 1,125 at West Fintas would be distributed by ballot.

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• HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday met the president of the Arab Shooting Federation, Major-General Mohammed Adel Ahmed Ali (left).



Sheikh Salem (left) and Sheikh Nawaf meeting senior officials of the Interior Ministry.

Legal advice department to use computers

DR Abdul Rasool Abdul Ridda, the Head of Kuwait's Department of Legal Advice, said the department is planning to introduce the use of computer systems in an effort to facilitate official procedures with government ministries.

Speaking to a Kuwaiti daily, Dr Abdul Ridda said the department would be relocated at the new premises in Sharq upon completion of construction.

He reviewed the history of the department, saying that it was established in 1960 as an independent department operating under instructions of the Council of Ministers. He said

Emergency services department

A MINISTERIAL decision has recently established a Department of Emergency Services at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water to be headed by Ahmad Al Mirshid.

The department will run and maintain the reverse osmosis water desalination stations, the reserve gas turbine power generating units and the diesel generators. The department will also control the operation and maintenance of power generation used by government utilities in emergencies.

priority had always been given to Kuwaitis in appointments and 78 Kuwaitis were currently on the staff and 18 non-Kuwaitis.

He added that the department had four technical divisions: Legal Advice and Legislation, Contract Review, Legal Cases and the General Assembly for Legal Advice and Legislation.

He said these divisions took care of all legal matters relating to the implementation of the law, drafting laws, bills and by-laws and reviewing contracts and agreements.

Dr Abdul Rasool went to say the department handled legal matters referred to the court in coordination with all relevant government ministries and departments, and spoke for the government of Kuwait in international arbitration.

DOHA, Jan 30, (Kuna): A tri-colour unidentified flying object was sighted above Doha last Wednesday, Al Rayan newspaper said today.

The paper quoted four members of a Qatari family as stating that they saw the UFO twice at sunset and again at 8 pm on Wednesday.

The tri-coloured, saucer-like UFO was flying at low speed and very low altitude, omitting a dazzling light, the four family members said.

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Ministers meet security officials

INTERIOR Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday at the ministry's offices in a ceremonial meeting.

The two ministers swapped portfolios in a cabinet re-shuffle last Wednesday which also included the appointment of three new ministers.

Sheikh Salem and Sheikh Nawaf met with the security officials, and the Defence Minister expressed appreciation for Interior Ministry's employees with whom he spent long years.

Sheikh Nawaf said he was confident that Sheikh Salem will exert his utmost effort to head with the Interior Ministry for the better, affirming that all must do their best for the interest of this country.

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Training course

THE eighth training course for the protection of VIPs ended yesterday.

The graduation ceremony was attended by the head of the VIP protection division at the general department for installations security and special forces, Lieutenant Abdulla Al Saad, and a number of senior officers.

Perfumes exhibition opens

The exhibition, which will last until February 5 will be open for the public between 09:00 am until 01:00 pm, and between 04:00 pm until 08:00 pm.

Later, Al Mijren told reporters that there were more participating companies in this exhibition this year, and praised the International Fairs Company for its good organisation and management.



Al Mijren goes around the exhibition.

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Deadline for residence law violators

No big rush to leave

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THERE has been no real increase in airline passengers with the approach of the deadline for residence law violators because many people had already left.

An Air India spokesman said that most violators had left, but added there was still a 13 per cent increase over last January's traffic.

There has been no rush at the embassies recently. However there was a heavy rush at the Pakistani Embassy during December. Many illegal residents left Kuwait without collecting their dues because they preferred to leave get arrested.

Symposium on education

KUWAIT'S Environment Protection Society held a symposium on education and environment and their effect on productivity of individuals.

Participants included a professor at the education college of Kuwait University, Dr Abdullah Al Faru, defined environment and productivity and said they were a measure of efficiency. He said the relation between individual and the environment was a dynamic one and could be invested positively to achieve better standards.

Dr Al Hashem gave a general definition of education and spoke about environmental awareness among children.

Al Hamad said that education had an essential role to play in defining environmental problems and in protection of natural resources. He said the ultimate objective of environmental education was to implant environmental awareness among children and its implementation.

A member of the society, Mohammad Al Snairi, spoke about the role of environmental

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ALO session to be held in Baghdad

AL Hashmi Banani, the Director General of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO), said the 16th session of the Arab Labour Conference will be held in Baghdad March 7, 1988.

He said that he would be submitting a report about the integration of labour in Arab countries and would raise the question as to why Arab funds are invested in European and American banks rather than in Arab countries.

Banani explained that Arab countries had organised the transportation of Arab workers from one country to another in the Arab world, but had found it necessary to discontinue this because of the economic crisis due to the reduction in oil revenue.

Arab countries were supposed to employ Arab manpower rather than foreign workers, he said, especially in countries with large numbers of foreign workers.

He added that there should be a law which enforced the employment of Arab workers instead of non-Arabs.

Members of Kuwait's Science Club have invented a superconductor that withstands high temperatures and transfers electrical energy with more efficiency and with less resistance. The team, supervised by Ghazi Ahmad, began work on the project last year. Picture shows a small magnet floating in the air above a nitrogen-filled disk containing the super-conductor, which creates a repulsion magnetic field.

He said that the exhibition will help activate and encourage the commercial movement in the country.

The exhibition is the fourth of its kind to be held since 1985 and is being attended by 56 specialist local companies and eight Arab and foreign ones.

EVENTS

Going Places

Dancers steal the show

SEVEN more months are to go before the 40th Independence Day celebrations end with a gala on Aug 15. Each week, one Indian community is taking part in the year-long festivities which seem to drag on for eternity. On Friday, it was the turn of the Telugu-speaking com-

munity to bring a taste of their culture and humour at a six-hour variety show held at the Shara Cooperative Society auditorium.

A two-minute silence was observed to honour the late Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and M.G. Ramachandran

before the start of the Kuwait-Indian Telugu Association's cultural show on Friday night.

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ment. For the first time in Kuwait, a male classical dancer took to the stage with a rather vigorous show of skill and dexterity, performing several numbers to much acclaim. Pameela Surendran's group of dancers deserve special mention for putting on a brave show, particularly the peacock dancers. The dancers had quite a tough time wearing the real peacock feathers for the fine dance number. Some 25 students of Narthana, a dance school based in Abbasia also took part in the show.

The highlight of the show was a political farce entitled "Vounina Prajaleke Koti Dandalu" (Salute to Voters) about greed and power. Mr and Mrs D.J. Prasad, A. Syambabu and G.J. Shubukan were among the participants of the play.

The programme was opened by Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha and it was presided by M. Kalidas. Other speakers were

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Children perform a folk dance.



A scene from the Telugu play.

Dr Kameshwar Rao, Dr V. K. Rao and G. Venkat.

The Telugu Association was set up five years ago and has been doing charity work, donating funds and clothes to the poor and needy in Andhra

Pradesh. They also collected money for flood victims.

Next week, the Goans will contribute glimpses of their colourful culture to celebrate India's prolonged 40th independence day celebrations.



Baluram performs a classical number.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

National Museum
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Munayes are displayed at the National Museum; open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

THEATRE

KLT — Comedy
KLT's comedy 'Say Who You Are' directed by Steve Prescott opens with a gala performance at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3 and 4.

Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office, KLT, Ahmadi, or from Family Bookshop, Salama, two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

German-Speaking Cultural Association

On Jan 31 a video film about the Hanan Village will be shown at the Kuwait Women's Society in Khaldiya. Women who would like to attend should meet at 9.30 am at the German School.

Dar Al Athar

Al Islamia
Ellen R Reeder will lecture on "Ancient Jewellery in the Walters Art Gallery", 6 pm tonight, at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamia (Islamic Arts Museum).

Flassik
Flassik will hold a Valentine dinner-musical at 6.30 pm Feb 12. Friday at Al Dira Ballroom, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free transport will be provided from the Church from 6 pm. For tickets ring 2439451, Mabuhay or Lords Restaurants.

Winter Serenade
The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade features haute cuisine, music, show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Recem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Langhorne and Glens Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridien Hotel, on Feb 1, 2, and 3. Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695; 5334695 or 5730641.

Goan Show
The Goan Community will hold a cultural show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence on Feb 5. 3.30 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Finanities. Invitation cards available from the Football Club, Kuwait Goans Association, N.G.O.A. and organisers. Transport will be available at 2.30 pm on Friday (Feb 5) from the Church in Kuwait City, Abbasia Coop, and Farwaniya, main road (opp. Grand Stores).

Contact
The next meeting of Contact, the information group for women, will be held on Jan 31, Saturday, from 10 am at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Kuwait Singers

Rehearsals for the May concert are held at 7.30 pm every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

Canadian Women's League

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 6, from 4 to 6 pm. For venue and further details ring 3718678.

Japan Week

A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. For further details, tel. 2533000 ext. 1156.

Kuwait Welsh Society

Annual St. David's Day dinner at Messilah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

Kapilku membership

Filipinos are invited to join Kapilku. Membership cards are available at the Philippine Embassy. For details call Jojo — 4877793.

HOTELS

At the Meridien

Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring a selection of meats and seafood, charcoal grilled to perfection. Affordable business lunch also offered.

"Open face" sandwiches are being promoted at the Al Waha Restaurant, until Feb 11.

At the Sheraton

A wide repertoire of music ranging from 17th to 20th century music, including light jazz, is being presented by the Sheba Sound, a quartet of two oboes, a bassoon and harpsichord. The group will give a one-night performance on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

At the Ramada Al Salam

Daily lunch, chef's special and dinner buffet at the Coffee Shop, open 24 hours. From Sunday to Friday, succulent steak and seafood specialities for fine dining at El Messa Restaurant, from 7 pm to 1.30 am.

At Messilah Beach
British impressionist and comedian J. Harvey, who appeared in ITV's 'Copy Cats', will perform at the hotel's Nightclub on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

SPORTS

Filipino Non-Pro Bowling League

This week's match is on Friday, Feb 5. The matches in the morning are between Pasig vs Quezon City; Caloocan City vs Las Pinas and Malabon vs Paranaque. Pasay City vs Mandaluyong; Manila vs Marikina and Navotas vs Makati will play in the afternoon. The games will be held at the Club 300.

Kapilku Sports Festival

Entry forms for this year's Palarong Pilipino — sports festival 1988 — are now available. Organised by Kapilku. During the year-long event several events will be held. They are: Basketball, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Bowling, Dama-Checkers, Chess and Darts. All events are open to men and women. For entry forms contact Gil Herico at the Philippine Embassy. For further details contact Bong Melencio — 4877793.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
2.30 World News Via Satellite
3.30 Total Al Ma'laeb: cartoons
4.00 News Summary
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
4.25 Nuruddin Zanki: daily historical serial; starring Laila Taher, Ali Hassan.
5.30 Al Manahal: series for children, featuring Amal Dabbas, Tayseer Attiya, Rabe'a Shabab, 6.00 Songs and Music
7.00 News Summary
7.05 Soora Min Al Tabib: documentary
7.30 Dwaniyat Shura Al Nab: poetry session
8.15 Good Evening and Local News
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Photography: daily Arabic serial; featuring Abdullah Ghaiith, Madiha Hamdi.
10.50 Annahar Khalid: variety show, hosted by Rohal Al Farah, featuring composer Mohammad Abdulla Wahab and a number of singers.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Lone Ranger: "The Escape." The adventures of Lone Ranger and his Red Indian friend continue in tonight's episode.
6.30 Butterfield Island: "Blast from the Past." Craig dis-

covers a mine tries to defuse it.

7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.
7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a light-hearted look at sporting events.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Hot Shots: "Cut Off In His Prime." Amanda Reed (Dorothy Parke) and Jason West are assigned to investigate the murder of a singer's friend, who was a magician.

9.30 Foley Square: "The Prosecution Never Rests." Alex and Jessie cooperate with Molly and Carter

even though they don't agree with them.

10.00 Q.E.D.: "The World's Longest Drop." This episode focuses on the life of an aviator in UK.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Ford." This series reveals the triumphs and failures of Ford, and his relationship with his family.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newsread
30 Musical Masters of the Decade
0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week 3rd Uncle Vanya Contd.; 10th Daisy Pulls It Off; 17th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 1; 24th Chicken Soup with Barley — Part 2; 31st The Emperor Within
0200 World News
09 The Sunday Papers
15 I've Been Together Now For 70 Years
30 Album Time
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Back to Square One
0400 Newsdesk
30 A Mozart Miscellany
45 Reflections
50 Financial Review
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Sport Colman's Record Hop
45 Letter from America
0600 Newsdesk

- 30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent
50 Waveguide
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 The Pleasure's Yours

English

- Morning
08.00 Opening
08.03 News and Music
08.30 News
08.40 Songs and Music
08.45 Daily Programmes
09.00 Bands with a Beat
09.30 Songs and Music
10.00 Our Press Today
10.30 Songs and Music
10.50 Rock of the Pops
11.00 Countdown
13.30 News on the FM service
Evening
21.00 Opening
21.02 The Young Sound
21.30 News
21.45 Point of View
21.55 Songs and Music
22.15 The World of Sports
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22.45 Daily Programme
23.00 Pop Session Special
24.00 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
Al Hafez Pharmacy
Souk Wafeq, Salah Al Din St.
Al Kawther Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.
Hawalli and Nogra
Al Sabah Pharmacy
Orlman St.
Salmiya and Rimalia
Al Ibn Nafees Pharmacy
Hmouk Khalifa Al Hamid Bldg., Hamad Al Mubarak St.
Fahabeel and Ahmad
Al Fulaj Pharmacy
Khalifa Fulaj Bldg., Makah St.
Jeeb Al Shiyookh
Al Wahran Pharmacy
Souk St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Mataif St.
Al Firdous
Param Dharam (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty, Mandakini
Fahabeel Open-Air
Chor Ka Bhai Chor (Hindi)

- Al Fahabeel
Eruhubeedam (Malayalam)
Al Jabra
Wahem (Hindi)
Granada
Chacha Bhatija (Hindi)
Sobabikhat
Year Badshah (Pushto)
Al Jeeb
January Oru Orma (Malayalam)
Ahmed Drive-In
Born American

PRAYERS

- Fair 5.16 am
Zehr 12.02 pm
Aar 3.05 pm
Maghreb 5.25 pm
Isha 6.45 pm

CINEMA TODAY

Patrick Flower and Elaine Perkins in 'Say Who You Are' at KLT in Ahmadi. (Photo by Paul Comeau)

With only four roles it is vital that all of the players pull their weight but Stephen Prescott is lucky to have such a good cast. Newcomer Elaine Perkins is a real find and I think we'll be seeing a lot more of her in the future.

Stage Manager Archie Gordon has come up with a superb set, complete with bright red telephone kiosk which plays a central role in the whole affair.

'Say Who You Are' opens on Monday Feb 1 at 7.00 pm with a special gala performance. Then there are shows on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7.30 pm. For reservations call 3947651.

At the Sheraton

A wide repertoire of music ranging from 17th to 20th century music, including light jazz, is being presented by the Sheba Sound, a quartet of two oboes, a bassoon and harpsichord. The group will give a one-night performance on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

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Daily lunch, chef's special and dinner buffet at the Coffee Shop, open 24 hours. From Sunday to Friday, succulent steak and seafood specialities for fine dining at El Messa Restaurant, from 7 pm to 1.30 am.

At Messilah Beach
British impressionist and comedian J. Harvey, who appeared in ITV's 'Copy Cats', will perform at the hotel's Nightclub on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IMAGINATION has always had powers of resurrection that no science can match — Ingrid Bengis, US author (1944-).

Madame Chiang's role in Taiwan watched

By Dan Biers

TAIPEI, (AP): Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's curious absence from public view since stepson President Chiang Ching-Kuo died two weeks ago has not dampened the intense interest in her political role as Taiwan changes its leadership.

Some newspapers have reported that Madame Chiang, who is at least 86 years old, has concerned herself primarily with her stepson's funeral arrangements since his death.

But articles appearing in independent and pro-government newspapers Thursday suggested she was part of an unsuccessful last-ditch bid to delay newly installed President Lee Teng-Hui from also leading the ruling Nationalist Party.

Lee is the first native Taiwanese to be head of the government and the party.

But Lee and Madame Chiang met briefly at her residence Thursday afternoon, and the mass-circulation China Times said in a front-page report Friday the visit was expected to dispel rumours of differences of opinion.

Influence

The country clearly remains fascinated by the diminutive but strong-willed second wife of Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-Shek. Her influence was considered second only to her husband's when he led the Nationalist government on the Chinese mainland and, after losing a civil war, in exile on Taiwan.

Madame Chiang left Taiwan for a mansion on Long Island in New York soon after her husband's death in 1975, but returned in 1986 to attend ceremonies marking his 100th birthday.

She stayed and has lived in seclusion at her estate in the Taipei suburb of Shihlin, spurning the public eye and sparking speculation she might seek to influence Taiwan's political future through behind-the-scenes manoeuvring.

Chiang Ching-Kuo pushed forward a political liberalisation plan of bringing more native Taiwanese into government, scrapping martial law, allowing opposition political parties, easing press restrictions and ending a ban on travel to mainland China.

Some senior members of the Nationalist Party, or Kuomintang, who were contemporaries of Chiang Kai-Shek opposed the changes, feeling they eroded their authority, but there was no indication of Madame Chiang's position.

Many Taiwanese were surprised when Madame Chiang did not appear at memorial services for Chiang Ching-Kuo, her husband's eldest son by his first wife, along with other family members.

However, she did send a floral

cross that was displayed prominently at the main altar to her stepson and reportedly selected his burial site.

The independent Liberty Times on Monday quoted unnamed sources close to Madame Chiang as saying that she had no ambition — "her heart was like still water" — and that asking her to intervene in politics would go beyond her wishes and capability.

But political observers generally view Madame Chiang, who is chairman of the party's central advisory committee, as maintaining strong influence over the powerful but dwindling number of old-guard party members loyal to her husband.

Some analysts, meanwhile, claim conservatives have sought her help in opposing the reform programme and limiting the power of President Lee, her stepson's protege.

"Madame Chiang's moves will be closely watched," the independent Morning Post said in a headline over a commentary.

The commentary was beside a report that indicated Madame Chiang was involved in a bid to stop party leaders from carrying out their plan to name President Lee acting nationalist party chief on Wednesday.

Delay

The newspaper reported top officials agreed to delay the vote after receiving a last-minute letter and phone call from the "Shihlin residence," a reference to Madame Chiang or supporters acting on her behalf.

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Ronnie manages to overcome political setbacks

Reagan remains a major player

WHAT is so extraordinary about President Reagan as he begins his last year in office is that he is still a major player on the national and international stage.

A few months ago he was referred to as a "lame duck" as American presidents are traditionally referred to at this stage in their presidential career.

It is a symbolic way to indicate

the decline of their political powers. But the warmth, even affection, with which he and his State of the Union address were received by Congress were an indication that he may still be able to achieve quite a lot in his final year in the White House.

It is quite remarkable how he has managed to overcome such setbacks as the crisis over his attempt to swap weapons for hostages with Iran and the biggest stockmarket crash since World War II.

He lost a good deal of public confidence but not public affection. The best proof of political strength is that none of the Republican presidential candidates are running against the policies he has been advocating.

And none of the presidential candidates are holding the kind of public attention he still does.

He is still the most important Republican on the political stage. The Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, the first substantial arms reduction treaty, he negotiated with Soviet general secretary Mikhail Gorbachev of course is a great boost to his prestige.

All the indications are that it is a highly popular achievement with the American public.

Ratification

The ratification proceedings of the treaty are the first item on the congressional agenda, in fact, they are already in full swing. The drama is unfolding on three different stages: the Senate foreign relations committee, the armed services committee and the select committee on intelligence.

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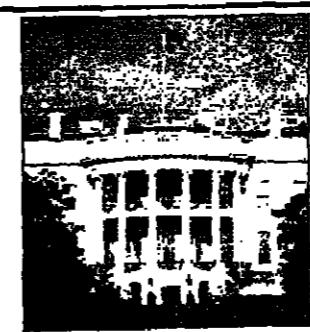
The President in his State of the Union message sounded surprisingly confident that progress with a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear missiles could be achieved at the Moscow summit.

Virtually all the technical experts tell me that this would be exceedingly difficult, but the President is said to pressure the bureaucracy to such an extent that some concrete results may emerge.

Who would have expected, even a year ago, that Reagan, who showed little interest in foreign affairs, would look for

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



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RONALD REAGAN

the "biggest show on earth," as they used to say about Barnum Bailey's circus.

Kissinger and others have

claimed that the European allies are secretly unhappy about the INF Treaty. But the most respected European leader, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, denied in interviews on American television that the allies are opposed to INF and that, speaking for herself, she strongly favoured the treaty's ratification.

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The second most important battle with Congress will be over the protectionist trade bill. The President said in his State of the Union address that "protectionism is destructionism." But members of Congress are determined to pass a trade bill.

They are convinced that it

would be politically popular and help them in the elections. Representative Richard Gephardt, the Democrat from Missouri, is a telling case.

He added an amendment to the House bill that is its most controversial feature. It is directed against Japan, South Korea,

Female foetuses aborted

Indian obsession for sons

By Dev Varam

BOMBAY (Reuter): Venkatesh sat on the edge of the seat, his fingers nervously tapping the table as the geneticist examined his pregnant wife.

Venkatesh had brought Gauribai 250 km (150 miles) to Bombay from their home in Sholapur to learn whether she was carrying a son or daughter before such pre-natal sex-determination tests are banned in private hospitals in India's Maharashtra state.

The ban is aimed at preventing the deliberate abortion of female foetuses, which Indian newspapers estimate happens 36 times a day in this country of 800 million where having sons is an obsession.

"We want a male child," 35-year-old Venkatesh said in an interview, adding irritably: "We already have four daughters and we can't afford to have one more."

Gauribai, speaking softly, said everybody, including her in-laws and parents, wanted her to produce a son to carry on the family business and name.

Pressure

"In India women are under psychological pressure to produce a son," said Hema Purandare, the geneticist who runs the Birth Defects Centre in Bombay, one of about 250 such clinics in India's commercial capital.

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ed in India in 1974 for detecting genetic disorders in unborn children, but increasingly it has been used for sex-testing and as the basis for deciding whether to have an abortion. Abortion on demand was legalised in 1971.

be reassuring to him. Most surprising, perhaps, was a message of official condolences from Beijing. Experts, familiar with Taiwan-China relations, go even so far as to say that the Beijing government will be sincerely sorry about Chiang's passing because it was he who very quickly established the basis for a rapprochement with Beijing.

Among other liberalisations he permitted exiled mainlanders for the first time to visit relatives in China.

The expectation among administration experts is that the rapprochement will continue unobtrusively, trade and other contacts will grow, with Taiwan preserving a more autonomous position than Hong Kong.

Everything, more or less, will depend on the tendencies and decisions that will be taken by the Taiwanese themselves, for it is quite obvious that the United States will not despatch its Navy, as it once did under Presidents Truman and Eisenhower, to defend the independence of the island — after all, much against Reagan's outlook. President Richard Nixon recognised the claim of the communists that Taiwan is part of China.

Warned

The Reagan administration is not reasonably sure that the Chinese government is not selling anymore Silkworm missiles to Iran.

Judging by Foley's prediction, it will not, nevertheless the outcome is very hard to predict, it may remain in doubt to the very last.

Those who remember the fervour, political and sentimental, with which Reagan extolled the independence of Taiwan, and the American commitment to the defense of the island, will be utterly surprised by the calm, even silence that followed the death last week of President Chiang Ching-Kuo, the son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

One reason was that Taiwan's economic prosperity is the greatest success story of the Third World, achieved on its own terms.

Another, that the succession by the new President Lee Teng-Hui went smoothly, in an exemplary way, without upsetting Taiwan's inner stability. He is expected to carry through the political and economic reforms Chiang Ching-Kuo introduced, even though he is likely to face opposition from conservatives who distrust liberalisation.

Lee, who is a devout Christian, received a pledge of loyalty from the Minister of Defence and the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, which should

souls.

A female child is considered a burden to parents who can be left financially ruined after providing an expensive dowry and lavish wedding for their daughter.

Investment

"A male child is like a long-term investment and couples in need of one would not mind spending money on tests to make sure of it," said Gogate. "In our own study of about 3,000 pregnant women, only one showed preference for a daughter."

"It is the case of a good test getting a bad name," said gynaecologist Shard Gogate. "In recent years it has fallen into the hands of unscrupulous and ill-qualified people."

Gogate blamed what he called "female foeticide" on the obsession for male children, which often makes Hindu couples turn to "sardus" or holy men.

"The woman is always blamed if she fails to conceive a male child. Men desert wives or marry for the first time only to have sons," Gogate said.

To traditional Hindus, the birth of a male child acquires a semi-religious aura. He will grow up to support the family, perpetuate its name, light his parents' funeral pyre when they die and perform rituals for them.

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1596 — Decrees of Folembay end War of the Catholics.

1606 — British conspirator Guy Fawkes is executed.

1884 — Russians take Merv from amir of Afghanistan.

1891 — Civil war begins in Chile.

1917 — Germany announces policy of unrestricted naval warfare in World War I.

1928 — Leon Trotsky is expelled from Soviet Union.

1943 — German troops surrender at Stalingrad in World War II.

1957 — Trans-Iranian pipeline, from Abadan to Tehran, is completed.

1958 — First US earth satellite, Explorer I, is launched at Cape Canaveral in Florida.

1962 — Foreign ministers of Organisation of American States (OAS) vote to exclude Cuba from participating in the inter-American system.

1974 — Pan American Airways plane crashes on American Samoa, killing 95 of 101 people aboard.

1979 — China's first Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping says after meetings with US President Jimmy Carter and congressional leaders that Moscow is world's "main hotbed of war."

1987 — Philippines President Corazon Aquino says her top officers will try to purge the military of "misguided elements."



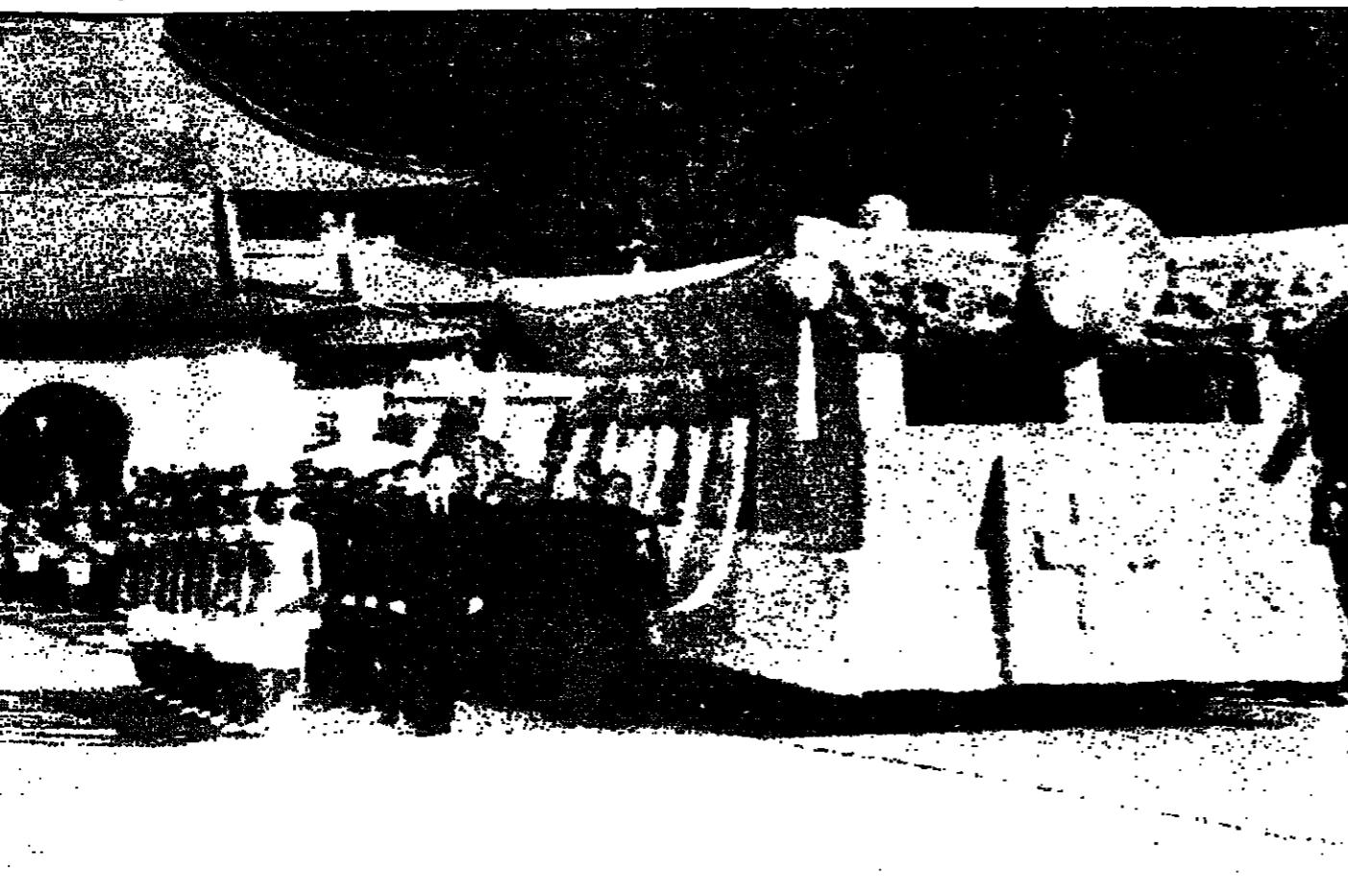
FLOODS due to heavy rains leave a small hotel and caravan park submerged in water in the west of England on Friday. A winter storm moving in from the Atlantic has caused torrential rains throughout the area. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH Prime Minister Turgut Ozal (right) and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou meet at the City Hall of Davos, Switzerland, during the World Economic Forum yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



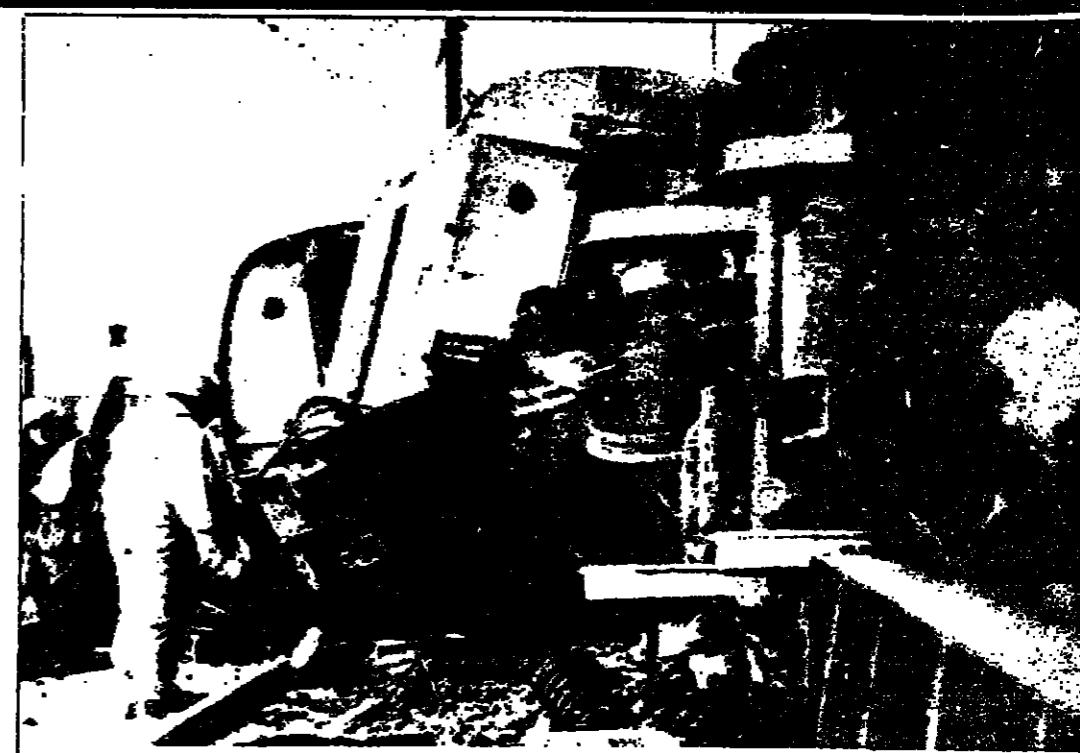
SOME 250 Arabs, mostly children, demonstrate outside the American Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, in support of the Palestinian uprising in Israeli occupied territories. (Reuter wirephoto)



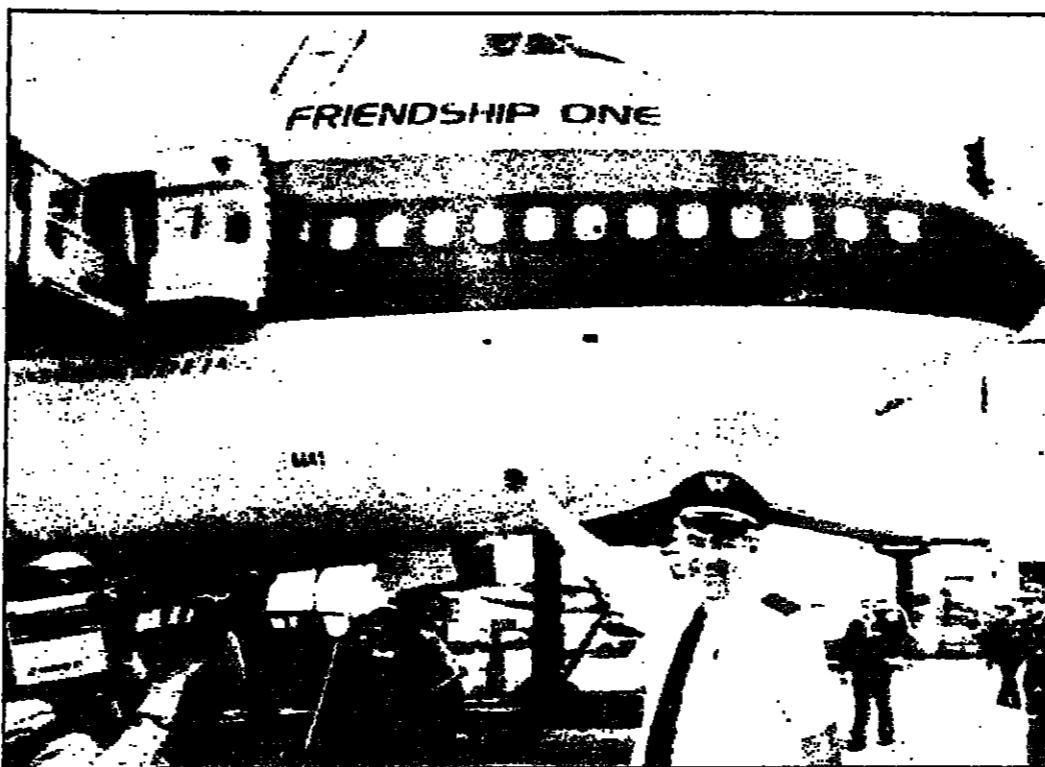
THE chrysanthemum-decorated hearse containing the coffin of the late Taiwan President Chiang Ching-Kuo leaves the Martyrs Shrine yesterday after a state funeral ceremony. (Reuter wirephoto)



EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak (right) hugs Vice-President George Bush after arriving at Bush's house in Washington for a breakfast meeting. (Reuter wirephoto)



A TECHNICIAN checks the damage to the wheel section of the 10 cars of the Amtrak train Nishikoi, which derailed in Chester, Pennsylvania, on Friday after colliding with a parked work train. (Reuter wirephoto)



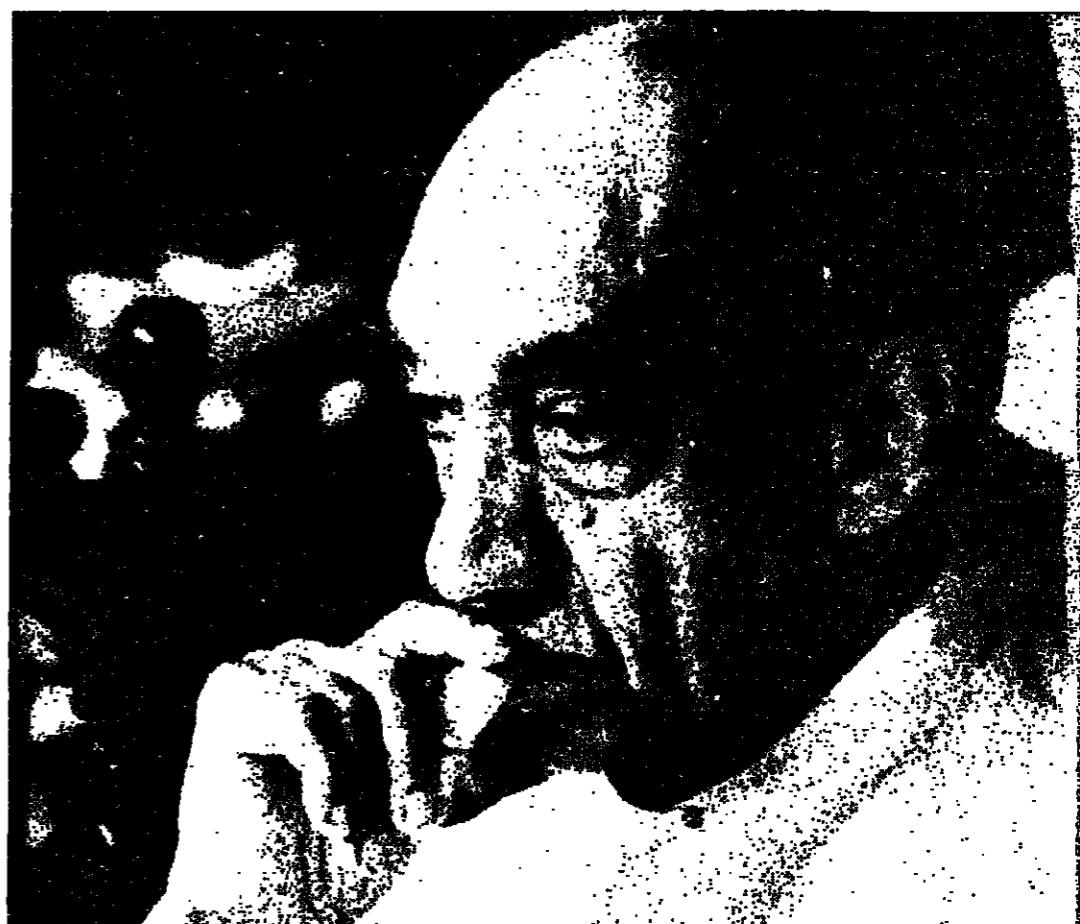
CAPTAIN Clay Lacy points to a Boeing 747SP, the world's longest maximum range commercial airliner, as it arrives at Taipei airport yesterday to refuel before taking off to continue its flight. The plane later arrived back in Seattle, USA, setting the record for around-the-world flight.



THE Princess of Wales applauds her husband's speech yesterday in Australia where the Prince of Wales opened the Illawarra international performing arts centre in Wollongong, 80 km south of Sydney. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk unexpectedly announced his resignation yesterday as the leader of the three-party coalition of Kampuchean forces fighting Vietnamese troops occupying his homeland. (Reuter wirephoto)



SRI LANKAN President Junius Jayewardene strikes a pensive pose while listening to a speech in Colombo. He has been under pressure from the opposition and the public to hold a general election this year. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANDREA (left) son of Princess Caroline of Monaco (right) drives a train during the inauguration of the TGV line (high speed train) arriving in Monte Carlo yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

MOTORSPORT

Arab Times reporter joins the exclusive club

Rallies do not always have a happy ending

By Gail Seery

IT had to happen sooner or later, and as usual, was my own big mouth that got me into trouble. When a friend told me that he and driver Harry Carr were going to enter this season's car rallies, but that he couldn't co-drive for the first rally because he'd be away, I immediately said, "Oh, I'll do it!" and forgot about it. On the Monday before the Kuwait rally, Harry phoned to tell me that he had a Mitsubishi Pajero, and that he needed a co-driver — all I needed was a helmet. I gave him the particulars for entry form, even telling him my correct age, and put the phone down wondering what I'd got myself into.

I was pretty confident that we would not start the rally. The car was a completely standard model and a roll bar would have to be put in first, and I was certain that it would not be finished in time. It was.

Then, because there was no time for practice I was certain that caution and common sense would prevail and that we would not venture out. We did.

Start

My first rally activity involved applying for late scrutineering. Then there were medical tests to go through. I felt that the most important test should have been an intelligence test on the lines of, "are you going to compete in the rally?" If the reply was yes, the driver would fail the test. However, first thing the doctor did was check for a brain; he looked in both ears, and as he couldn't see light, decided that I must have one. This came as something of a surprise as it is genuinely assumed in rally circles that I left it at the bottom of Saeed Al Hajri's Porsche 911SCRS. The next test seemed to be primarily concerned with whether or not my wrists were correctly attached to my body. Clearly some unscrupulous competitors had in the past attached their hands with superglue.

The drivers' briefing came



Carr and Gail at the start.



"Why do I do these things?" ponders Gail

next. Here we were told by Mike Allen, a fellow competitor that we had hit a further snag. "Your gearbox is broken," he said. I was unashamedly pleased by this information. Yet again it looked as if we wouldn't start. But my hopes were destined to be dashed once more. "They'll fix it in time," Harry assured me.

By this time I was getting the definite impression that this man was serious, and that we really were going to enter the rally. Why, we even had Hamoor as a sponsor. This gave me a splendid opportunity to trot out all my favourite fish jokes: "Oh Cod," "What a hateful thing to say," and "I'm only entering for the halibut" (the less intelligent will have to think about that one). I suggested that if he really was determined to enter the rally, and silly enough to have me as his co-driver, it might be a good idea to get out and practice. Harry seemed to have a great deal more faith in my ability to read a road book than I had myself.

"Don't worry," he assured me. "We'll be able to see the tracks of the other cars." He explained that there was simply no way he could take time from work to practice at that time, but added that the RAC Rally was run blind, as if this would somehow make me feel better.

The following morning I drove out to the rally area in the hopes of seeing a driver I knew, and persuading him to take me

round. I was fortunate in bumping into Faiez Chibab (not literally) and he took me round stage two twice. This was a great help as there were several points where it would have been possible to go astray. Then we saw Eid Falah about to go through the stage in the other direction, alone in his rally car, and I asked if he could take me through. We covered the stage in a horrifying short time and I rather suspected that Eid was showing off for my benefit. However, he was in full control of the car, and I came away with the impression that he is a very good driver indeed.

Problems

That was all the practice either Harry or myself had. The rest of the day was spent waiting, either at Lester Featherstonehaugh's garage, or at the KT Club. There were more problems. First the gearbox was finished, but reverse gear was unavailable and then the reverse gear was perfectly OK — so long as the Pajero was permanently in four wheel drive. We finally cleared formalities at six o'clock the night before the rally and I duly enjoyed myself.

On the morning of the rally I asked myself what on earth I thought I was doing. "A woman of my age shouldn't be getting herself mixed up in this sort of thing," I told myself without any noticeable result.

Waiting for the rally to start was one of the longest hours of my life, but finally, when we were underway, I began to get control of my feelings. I had been around rallies long enough to know what I was supposed to do, and as far as that was concerned, I felt I already had two main personality traits which suited me to the job I had to perform; I'm almost obsessively punctual, and I'm extremely bossy.

The first time round stage one was demanding. The stage is very rough, but we were able to get round mainly by following the tracks and with occasional verification in the road book. Any difficult places where we could have gone wrong contained passage controls, so there was no real problem. By the end of the stage we had almost caught the car in front. And by the time I was handing the time cards to the marshals at the end of the stage, I had already thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Realise

The next stage was a little easier, as I already had a concept of the route and was able to describe sections of the track ahead to Harry. This time we did indeed catch the car ahead and overtook it. There was a camel on the track — we went to the left and the other car went to the right; when we regained the track we were comfortably in front.

The Hamoor Pajero was running well, but Harry was complaining about a loss of power.

which he suspected stemmed from the tyres. We duly removed the back wheels from the service Pajero, and sure enough the situation was much better and we had much more speed at our disposal.

Stage three saw us reducing our previous time by six seconds, and nearly coming to grief on the very first dip of the stage, where we didn't realise there was a drop. We righted ourselves and made the mental note not to do it so fast the next time. The first time through we had been forced to slow there by a car crossing the track, and had been travelling much more slowly. Once again we had caught and passed the car ahead by the end of the stage — this time the driver tried not to let us through, but there was no way they could out-drive Harry on the straight.

We continued to cut our times, and on the third time through stage one we cut nine seconds off our first time, and on stage 2 we cut seventeen seconds. At regrouping we were eleventh out — good placing for a standard jeep competing against more experienced teams and more powerful engines.

Stage 7 was run in reverse direction, and once again we were in effect driving blind. Stage 8 was equally fraught particularly as we were now travelling much faster, and bouncing about till my shoulder ached where the seat belt rubbed. It was coming into one

of my passage controls that my seat belt simply worked free, and I struggled to refasten it as it was an inertial reel belt and simply didn't want to cooperate. We missed the boards in the confusion and had to stop while I refastened my belt losing about ten to 15 seconds. I was shortly to be extremely glad that I'd refastened it, and checked it.

After regrouping we were driving immediately ahead of Josef Misikul and Klaus Schwengschloegi in a Nissan 240 RS, one of the more powerful cars in the rally. The only reason we were in front of them at all was that they had hit problems on the first stage and had dropped back to last position. Their ability can be gauged by the fact that they had climbed back to 12th position in the next five stages, and ultimately finished eighth despite further gearbox problems.

Responded

We were aware that they would be able to catch and overtake us on that 16km stage, as there is no way that our completely standard and second hand Pajero could out run a factory rally car. Before the previous stage they had been joking with us. "Remember to let us through," they had told us. "Remember we have a lady on board," we responded. "We'll jump, and you can drive through underneath," suggested Harry.

Even so it was only within sight of the flying finish boards that I glanced back and spotted them coming up behind us. Harry felt that we could beat them to the finish. Josef said later that he could see that we were racing and didn't try to overtake us, moving over to let us as much distance between us as possible.

He was a good deal wiser than we were. We were running blind on that stage, as it was the first time we had covered it in reverse direction. At the very end of the stage, within ten or 15 metres of the boards, there was a major bump — later I was to watch Al Wazzan fly over it with his usual panache.

Seconds before the roll.

I'm told we landed, then flipped. I can remember being aware that we were rolling, but I had no time to feel afraid. All I was aware of was falling first to my side, then right over to Harry's side, with the windscreen breaking but not, fortunately, shattering completely. We were bounced up and down and my head hit the roof at least twice.

Then almost before I knew it we were back on the wheels, with Abdul Nasser Younes, apparently more shaken than us, at the door, asking if we were alright.

"I'm told that I promptly picked up the precious time cards I'd unnaturally dropped, and said, 'Right, I've got the cards,'" Harry restarted the engine and we finished the stage — in the sixth fastest time. That time was almost two minutes faster than our first time traversing the stage in the other direction, despite the delays and alarms.

Then we were pulled out of the car. I had only one or two tiny scratches on my hand and arm, but Harry had cut his hand and was bleeding. They told us that the rear axle was broken and that we could not continue. I can remember being annoyed and disappointed that we would not be able to finish, when a decent result — eighth or ninth, was within our grasp.

Assumed

Harry had been sucking his fist to clean the wound — this meant that his mouth was full of blood, and our helpers, including the calm and comfortably efficient Ali Birami assumed that he was more badly hurt than he was.

We were shepherded to our support team, which had been efficiently co-ordinated by Lester Featherstonehaugh, where once again we were questioned that.

as to our injuries. I waited a little, and then, seeing that the lead cars had finished the stage for the final time and the rally was almost over, I walked back to the control van.

All the drivers and co-drivers who have become my friends over the season were very concerned for our welfare — the news had travelled so quickly that several had been told we had rolled before starting stage 10. Ottmar Lange said, "Congratulations! Now you're a real rally person."

The saddest and most galling thing for both Harry and myself was that when the service team went to the Pajero after the rally, it took them under ten minutes to get it going; the axle was broken, the rear wheel was bent, and whole vehicle was badly battered. We could probably have completed the rally.

In the meantime, a few people told me that they had the roll recorded on film. I'd like to remind them that I'm very much looking forward to seeing it.

Even seconds after the accident I was certain that I would want to co-drive again. I thoroughly enjoyed myself, and felt that I could be useful as a co-driver. However, I would not want to venture out again without a full harness type belt, and adequate practice. Had we covered the route in advance we would have known about that last dip, and our pace notes would have urged caution.

As it is, as I write this two days after the event, I am stiff and bruised and am hobbling about like an old woman. Harry phoned yesterday to make sure I was alright.

"Would you do it again?" he asked. "Yes," I replied without hesitation. "You are daft," he said. Most people already knew that.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
GOLDWATER'S RULE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ 7
♥ Q 9 7 6
♦ K 10 6
♦ K 10 8 6 2

WEST
♦ A K 9 8 4
♦ 10 5 2
♦ Q 7 5 4
♦ 5

EAST
♦ J 6 2
♥ A K 8 3
♦ A 8 3
♦ Q J 3

SOUTH
♦ 1 ♠ 4 3
♦ 1 ♠ 3 ♠ 3 ♠

4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

tive auction at four hearts. As the cards lie, four spades would go down only one trick, but that is only because of the fortuitous lie of the diamond suit.

Against four hearts, East led the three of spades when West was on opening lead. Declarer did not like the look of his three spade losers, so he exercised his rights and barbed a spade lead.

The lead now reverted to West, who led the five of clubs. The play was soon over. East won the ace of clubs and returned the nine of clubs, a suit preference signal showing a spade reentry, for his partner to ruff. West dutifully underled his ace-king of spades, so East was able to win the queen and give his partner a second club ruff. That was just enough to defeat the contract.

Observe that, with a spade lead from either defender, the contract cannot be defeated. Even if the defenders shift to a club at trick two, West can get only one club ruff — he has no way to get back to East for another ruff. So the defenders can get no more than three tricks.

Harry Goldwater has been around the game for a long time. If you ignore his advice, you deserve to pay the piper.

How do you treat a lead out of turn? Tournament director Harry Goldwater offered a theory that has become known in the trade as Goldwater's Law: "When you get a lead out of turn, accept it. If the player isn't good enough to know whose lead it is, what makes you think he knows enough to make the right lead?" Declarer ignored this sage advice, and paid the price.

North-South bought a competi-

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not be at your best. You should take an offer or proposal seriously. You should not make up your mind on the spur of the moment. Be less insistent.



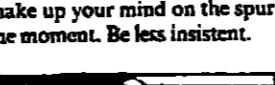
Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should not pay attention to idle chatter. Do not allow yourself to become dejected. A promise you have made should be kept. Be resilient.



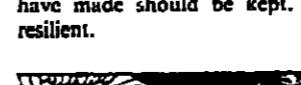
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will not be as much loved as you would wish to be. You should not expect everything to be smooth and easy. Try to avoid feeling resentful. Be moderate.



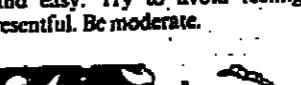
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Some initial confusion will soon be overcome. You will be pleased with the way things are going. Make sure you do not eat anything that might not agree with you. Be resolute.



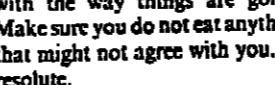
Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will need all the communication you can summon up. You should try to avoid getting into an argument. What seemed like a good idea will turn out to be nothing of the kind. Be generous.



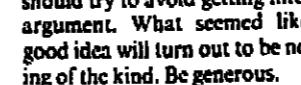
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to face up to reality. You should do all you can to avoid complications. Make sure you do not do anything that could be injurious to your health. Be sensible.



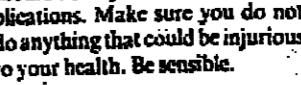
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

The favourable influence of the Sun and Mercury will help you to find the right approach. A few hours in the open air will do you good. Do not be tempted to spend more than you can really afford.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

Circumstances are prevalently favourable to you but you should not allow yourself to be carried away. All kinds of exaggerations and extremes are to be avoided. Be argumentative and you ought to keep away from controversy.

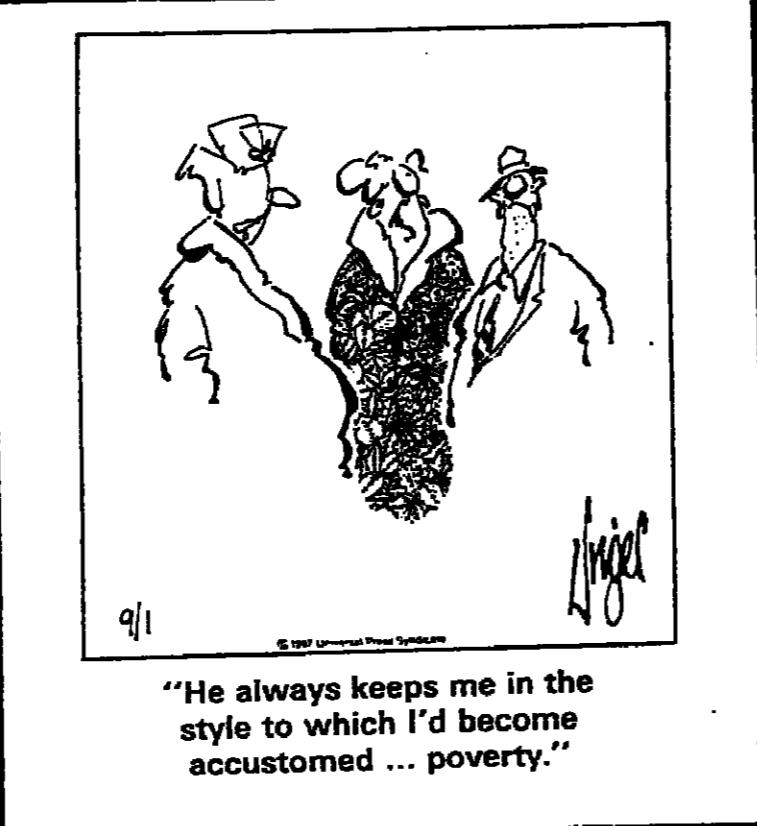


Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should do all you can to avoid creating tension. Do not just allow things to happen, but do try to maintain control. You will tend to be argumentative and you ought to keep away from controversy.

The influence of the Moon and Venus will help you to make progress with a personal project.

You will have to keep your wits about you.



"He always keeps me in the style to which I'd become accustomed... poverty."

FILIPINO DIGEST

Government soldiers fight hunger, disease and rebels

By Joe Palacios

MANILA (Reuters): Battle-hardened soldiers hunting communist rebels in Philippine jungles are threatened by hunger and disease as well as guerrilla ambushes.

Weapon

"Malaria is the number one killer and the worst enemy of the soldiers," said marine sergeant Antonio Lilam, who has spent most of his 12 years in uniform fighting the communists, are based.

"The majority of our casualties die of disease."

No figure is available on the number of soldiers who have died of disease in the 19-year-old guerrilla war. Officials say military statistics show only the names of those killed in battle.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said on television early this month, when he was still armed forces chief of staff, that 3,700 people died in fighting in 1987 — a daily average of 4.6 rebels, three soldiers and 2.6 civilians.

Lilam told Reuters: "Only a few die in ambushes because mostly it is the supply runs that get attacked. But in an ambush you have only a five-per-cent

chance of surviving."

He was speaking inside Army headquarters in a Manila suburb where the Marines and Scout Rangers, the elite special forces combating the insurgents, are based.

Rations

Soldiers are given field rations but many would rather wait until they find rice, the staple food in the Philippines.

Lieutenant-Colonel Romeo Lim, Scout Rangers chief of staff, said: "My units can last 14 straight days just eating crackers."

He said soldiers were negligent about taking anti-malaria tablets because they tasted unpleasant and were difficult to swallow.

"Any commander worth his salt should line up his men every day during an operation and pop anti-malaria tablets into their mouths," Lim said.

On the fighting itself, Lim said the NPA had no formal combat training but "lots of experience in battle. You cannot beat them unless you send well-trained men."

Scout Ranger Sergeant Rodrigo Malubay, who has been recommended for the Medal of Valour, the highest combat citation, said: "They are good in ambush but in



Soldiers slide head-first down a wooden wall, part of an obstacle course during Special Action Forces training.

actual face-to-face combat they will not last.

"We can beat them any time," Malubay added, "but unless the government can stop villagers from giving them support, this war can go on for a long, long time."

Filipino labour export is major dollar earner

By CL. Leones

PHILIPPINE emigration began at the turn of the century and continued right up to the end of the American colonial rule in 1945. Filipinos migrated to the United States, particularly Hawaii, California, and Alaska, to work as pickers of apples, oranges, grapes, and pineapples. This is a continuing phenomenon.

With an economy unable to provide the jobs for a growing labour force, there was a second wave of migration after World War II. This time by war veterans, their families and relatives of earlier migrants who had become American citizens or had gained permanent residence status. From 1945 to 1965, in fact, an estimated 2.8 million Filipinos migrated to the US.

What we are witnessing today is the third wave, which covers the years 1966 to the present. While the US has always been a major destination, the construction boom in the Arab countries, fueled by the petro dollars, caused a significant shift in the concentration of migrant workers to the Middle East. From a mere 1,863 in 1973, the number of Filipino overseas contract workers processed by the POEA peaked at 434,207 in 1983. The figure was down to 414,461 in 1986, partly because fall in oil prices, but significant enough to earn for the Philippines close to \$700 million every year. For a country allocating nearly half of its annual revenue to pay off \$28 billion in foreign debts, that's not peanuts.

Exporters, particularly those in the small and medium scale sector, have received assistance from the Bureau of Export Trade Promotions.

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There has been a steady market for Filipino entertainers and domestic helpers, for example, in Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. An overview of the industry by Eduardo A. Palabreja, president of the Philippine Association of Service Exporters, Inc., is encouraging.

"In the 70s, the demand for unskilled and semi-skilled workers in the Middle East was remarkably high. As the projects were completed, however, the demand shifted to highly skilled workers. To meet this new market demand, manpower export planners must review their programmes and targets."

"The truth is that more importers now prefer workers with multi-skills and the best way to meet this new market is for us to upgrade worker skills. We have to do this if we are to keep our competitive edge in the international manpower market."

"The nation's labor conditions, policies of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, and the requirements of the international labour market also make it necessary for all industry participants to consolidate. To this end, PASEI has undertaken information campaigns and organisational expansion activities."

Services

Now in its seventh year, the 140-member PASEI, explains Palabreja, "is dedicated to the professionalisation of the industry." Its services include, among other things, representation of the industry on legislative matters, seminars for both management and prospective and ready-to-leave contract workers, entrepreneurship seminars for returning workers, legal services, a manpower pool, and an anti-illegal recruitment campaign.

Adds PASEI Secretary General Ricardo Lopez Jr.: "Since its inception, PASEI has been launching numerous projects and activities designed to professionalise, directly and indirectly, the industry and broaden the overseas employment opportunity base. It has also offered socio-civic

projects and seminars which have benefited the families and dependents of overseas contract workers.

The association is also active in working for reforms on such long-standing issues as accreditation of job orders, placement fees, wages and benefits, licensing, trimming down of licensed agencies, and Filipinisation of the industry. Part of the rationalisation and professionalisation process includes such PASEI initiatives as the weeding out of undesirable recruitment outfits, sectoral consultations, and formulation of policies responsive to industry demands."

Exports

The book notes, labour export is a major dollar-earner and a big boost for the Philippines, with its staggering \$28 billion debt and a huge army of unemployed. Even so, these skilled workers — doctors, nurses, and engineers — are depriving the country of its most precious asset: skilled labour. This deprivation, furthermore, is already being felt in some of the most important sectors of the economy and that will have a negative effect in the long run. "Although dollars are earned from the labour trade," it adds, "the long-term costs are likely to outweigh any benefits."

Not so, says PASEI VP and head of the Philippine Personnel Centre Jay Fidel A. Francisco. "Our options are clear: Either we keep our skilled workers idle and unproductive at home or we send them wherever they're needed to earn the foreign exchange we need. Skills, after all, are a renewable resource."

"By supplying the world's manpower demand," adds the 27-year-old executive, "there's a good chance we will soon have the industries that will, in turn, create the jobs for all our skilled workers who, thanks to our superior educational system, can turn out almost at will. Manpower export will earn the dollars needed by our industries which, in time, will create the jobs for all our skilled workers."

Manila aims for 20 markets

By Margie Quimpo

THE Philippines government will not adopt new policies to increase exports but will concentrate on 20 major markets with sufficient purchasing power.

The expected recession in the US will have only a minimal effect on the country's exports, officials and businessmen said.

According to trade and industry undersecretary Raul A. Boncan, the 20 markets include US, members of the European Economic Community, Japan, Canada and the Middle East.

Efforts to tap new markets are hindered by shortage of commercial attaches overseas, said Boncan. Although the

from 45 million pesos to 140 million pesos.

Commercial attaches will be sent to Kobe, Osaka, Japan; Brussels, to cope with EEC countries, one to Saudi Arabia or Abu Dhabi; Italy and Germany.

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"Poor" Marcos

HONOLULU: Deposed Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos has said that he is "almost penniless" even as the Aquino regime announced the recovery of some \$56 million in two years during a worldwide search for wealth he and his associates allegedly plundered while in power.

Marcos said his legal and living expenses are paid for by "gifts and loans from importers, including Filipino labourers who come here (and) sometimes give us \$200 to \$300."

"We have borrowed for our legal fees as well as for our living expenses," Marcos said. "But right now we are penniless."

Marcos and his family have been accused of robbing the country of \$10 billion during his 20 years in power that ended in an uprising in February 1986.

The 70-year-old former president spoke haltingly during an interview, and aides prompted him to complete his sentences.

Marcos, however, declined to name the donors or divulge his legal and medical expenses.

The first Filipino gold medalist in the 24th Olympic Games in Seoul will get a house worth a cool one million pesos, plus another additional million in cash.

The prize was announced by a Manila-based businessman to give an "incentive" to Seoul-bound athletes currently training for the Games.

The elusive gold may be won by amateur boxers, who have won the only medals so far in

the Olympics — a silver by Anthony Villanueva in the Tokyo Games and a bronze by his father, Cely, eight years earlier.

The Philippine Olympic Committee has approved the inclusion of 26 athletes in the national team to the Seoul Olympics, including the reigning Asian sprint queen Lydia de Vega and boxers Leopoldo Cantacio and Leopoldo Serrantes. They are training under Gintong Alay.

Incentives to athletes

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Fed likely to act to lower interest rates

WASHINGTON, Jan 30. (Reuter): The US Federal Reserve will probably act soon to loosen credit slightly so that interest rates continue to fall, the Washington Post reported today.

It quoted sources knowledgeable about the Fed's plans as saying the Central Bank would loosen credit slightly in response to recent signs that the US Economy was about to enter a period of weak growth.

The newspaper quoted a US official as saying the Fed wanted "to make sure this is a slowdown and not a deterioration" in US economic growth.

The Fed therefore was "more poised toward ease than before."

Any move to lower US interest rates further would be limited because the Fed believed that its major trading rivals would be affected equally.

It did not say what action the Fed might take but noted the Central Bank could lower interest rates by increasing the money supply to banks and increase them by reducing the money supply.

US officials had no comment on the report.

US interest rates have been moving sharply lower in the past two weeks, with yields on 30-year treasury bonds falling to 8.5 per cent from 9 1/8 per cent in that period.

Mortgage rates have moved to the 10 per cent level in recent days and the veterans administration on Friday reduced 9.5 percent the maximum interest rate on home loans it will insure.

Mobil and Shell report big fourth quarter profits

NEW YORK, Jan 30, (Reuter): Two big US oil companies, Mobil and Shell, said yesterday that their earnings rose substantially in the final three months of last year.

Mobil Corp, the second biggest US oil company, said its earnings rose 9.2 per cent in the fourth quarter, due to higher crude oil prices, increased natural gas sales and strong results from its chemical and retail chain store subsidiaries.

Higher crude prices and chemical earnings helped Shell Oil Co, the nation's sixth-largest oil company, to a 7.1 per cent rise in fourth-quarter profits. Shell is a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell Group based in the Hague, Netherlands.

Earnings

On Tuesday, Exxon Corp, the world's largest oil company, as well as a number of other petroleum firms, announced higher earnings, aided by a rise in crude prices.

Shell said its fourth-quarter net rose to \$436-million from \$254 million in the same period last year. Sales rose to \$5.89 billion from \$4.51 billion.

'87 best year for Dubai aluminium

ABU DHABI, Jan 30. (Opecna): Dubai's aluminium smelter (Dubal) last year produced a record 155,026 tonnes of high quality aluminium billets.

Reporting improvement in Dubai's production and sales, a source at the company described 1987 as the best year since it went onstream in 1979.

Dubai continued to be the biggest customer accounting for 46 per cent of the company's sales, followed by the United States 19 per cent, Taiwan seven per cent, South Korea seven per cent. Up to 9,062 tonnes was being marketed domestically within the United Arab Emirates.

For the first time, there were new customers from Finland, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

The company increased the number of UAE nationals working for it from 94 in 1986 to 131 last year.

Petrochemical plants

PARIS, Jan 30. (Opecna): Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian petrochemical plants have been rated as good as the best European refineries. The French oil industry's Union Chamber said the plants had "plenty of raw materials, the cheapest one can get."

Chairman Jean-Louis Breuil-Jarrige spoke earlier this week of the threat posed by imports of refined products from member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Trade action affects \$10b in goods

Loss of US trade concessions seen as unfair

HONG KONG, Jan 30. (Reuter): The US decision to cut special trade concessions for Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore was seen today as both unfair and mistaken by officials in the region.

Government officials in Hong Kong said the move would send the wrong signals to Washington's trading partners.

In Trade and Industry Minister Kha Woong-Bae said his government regretted the move and was considering filing a suit with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Decision

In Singapore, where American companies account for over 50 per cent of exports to the United States, the decision was seen as a tactical error.

A senior economic official in Taiwan said the move would not hurt the island too badly because its major trading rivals would be affected equally.

"We will be running from the same starting point. There is nothing to be afraid of," Chao Yao-Tung, chairman of the Council for Economic Planning and Development, told reporters.

The Reagan administration

said yesterday that Asia's Four Tigers — so-called because of their aggressive push towards prosperity — would be removed from the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP).

Their economies were so strong that they should no longer benefit from measures intended for less well developed countries, the White House said.

Policy

The GSP covers items such as electronics, wooden furniture, toys, household electrical goods and magnetic recording material.

Senior Hong Kong trade officials said the colony should not have been included because of its open trade policy.

"Any US company can come and set up shop here, but you try and sell a packet of American cigarettes in South Korea, one official said in an interview.

South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore are known as the 'Four Tigers' of Asia because of their aggressive push towards prosperity.

Hong Kong's acting secretary for trade and industry KY Young told a news conference today: "This will send the wrong signal to trading partners of the US and

it will remove an important incentive to others to open their markets."

Young agreed with the assessment by leading figures on the Hong Kong industrial scene that the decision would have little effect on the colony's economy.

The United States imported some \$10 billion worth of GSP-eligible goods from the Four Tigers in 1987, which accounted for nearly 58 per cent of all GSP trade to the United States, according to US figures.

South Korea is urgently trying to settle its worsening trade disputes with the United States. Officials said Friday's move was not surprising.

"It is bad news," said one Seoul trade official who asked not to be identified. "But the US decision . . . had been widely expected here."

Pressure

"We are faced with strong US pressure to open the Korean market wider. We believe US trade sanctions are almost inevitable unless current trade disputes are solved quickly."

In Singapore, George Abraham, secretary-general of the island's Federation of Chambers

of Commerce and Industry, said the move would hurt US companies based in Singapore.

"We are not only an exporter of components manufactured by American companies here," he said, "but we also re-export large amounts of American goods. The action is tantamount to Washington's cutting off its nose to spite its face."

Link

Some industrial figures in Hong Kong said the United States had used the GSP issue as a bargaining chip to try and force Hong Kong to cut the link between the US dollar and the Hong Kong dollar and revalue the colony's currency upward.

Taiwan's Vice Economic Minister Wang Chien-Shien said in an interview earlier this month that the island's trade surplus with the United States would drop to \$14 billion this year against a record \$16 billion in 1987 because of Taiwan's rising purchases of American products, including machinery and consumer goods.

"Despite our efforts to balance the trade, we will not see an early end to pressures from major trading partners to open

our markets wider," Vincent Siew, director of the Board of Foreign Trade, told Reuters earlier this month.

Meanwhile US officials say the Reagan administration's removal of Asia's 'Four Tigers' from the list of countries eligible for trade concessions will affect some \$10 billion in trade with the United States.

Over the past decade Hong Kong, the Republic of (South) Korea, Singapore and Taiwan have made such tremendous strides in their economic development that they can now compete effectively in the United States without preferential treatment," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said yesterday.

Congressman Fortune Stark, a California Democrat, said yesterday he would introduce legislation to remove the trade concession for South Korea if the administration did not act.

And Treasury Secretary James Baker has been trying to get Taiwan, Hong Kong and South Korea to allow their currencies to increase in value versus the dollar. This would make Asian goods more expensive and help narrow the US Trade deficit with those countries.

World Business Summary

Dollar stability needed as US election looms

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 30. (Reuter): Financial markets need to regain confidence in the dollar after October's stock market crash and as the US presidential election looms, former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said yesterday. In his keynote address to this year's economic forum, he urged Washington to adopt a series of measures to help restore that confidence, and urged presidential candidates to start taking the issue seriously.

"Three months have passed since the 'Black Monday,' and the text felt at the time seems now to be easing," his prepared text said. "However, if the stock markets crash again, the investors of Japan and other foreign countries (are) bound to be much more cautious about investing in America financial markets. This could lead to a further appreciation of the dollar, higher US interest rates and an economic recession," he said.

Nakasone added: "I very much hope that candidates for the White House and Congress will seriously address the very important role that the dollar plays as the world's key currency, and will advocate policies to prevent the volatile fluctuation of the dollar." He suggested the United States consider taking steps to promote savings, just as Japan was now trying to discourage saving in favour of consumption. "For instance, Japan abolished last year its tax benefits for the interest on savings. How about an idea that the United States introduces a similar type of tax incentives for savings?" he said. The United States should also consider selling government bonds in currencies other than the dollar — an idea Washington has steadfastly resisted under President Reagan, though it was used by Jimmy Carter when the dollar crisis of the late 1970s erupted. Such bonds "could also work as a signal that demonstrates the determination of the United States to maintain the confidence of the market in the dollar," Nakasone said.

US personal income up

WASHINGTON, Jan 30. (Reuter): The personal income of Americans rose 0.7 per cent in December while spending increased by 0.5 per cent, the Commerce Department reported yesterday. The rise in income, which reversed a 0.5 per cent decline in November, was in line with expectations. The government reported a 0.5 per cent rise in spending, the same as in November. In a report on gross national product on Wednesday the government said consumer spending between October and December registered the steepest quarterly decline since 1980.

The increase in income and spending in December bode well for continued US economic expansion, but economists doubt that Americans will spend freely enough to eliminate the need for production cuts to reduce the stocks of unsold goods that piled up in the 1987 fourth quarter. For all of 1987, personal income rose 6.0 percent following a 6.2 per cent rise in 1986. After adjustment for inflation, however, average income last year rose just 1.2 per cent, the smallest gain since a 0.6 per cent rise in 1982. In 1986, inflation-adjusted income increased 4.0 per cent. The personal savings rate, which is savings as a percentage of disposable income, rose to 4.7 per cent in December from 4.5 per cent in November. But for the whole of 1987, the savings rate fell to 3.8 per cent, the lowest rate since 3.1 per cent in 1947. The 1986 rate was 4.3 per cent.

Takeshita to visit China

TOKYO, Jan 30. (AP): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita plans to visit Beijing in June for talks about Japan's financial assistance to China, among other matters, Kyodo News Service said today. The date for the trip has not been determined, Kyodo said. Kyodo quoted unidentified government officials in the report, independent confirmation was not immediately available. The officials told Kyodo that Beijing's request for Japanese loans totaling 1.6 trillion yen (\$12.58 billion) and a dispute over ownership of a Chinese student dormitory in western Japan are among subjects expected to be discussed when Takeshita visits the Chinese capital. China has requested the loans to help restructure its industries as part of its economic modernisation programmes, Kyodo said. Japan is China's largest single source of development aid. It has provided \$8 billion in direct government loans, grants in aid, technological cooperation and loans by the Export-Import Bank of Japan. China has accused Japan of adopting a "two-China" policy in a court case in which a student dormitory in the ancient capital of Kyoto was recognised as belonging to Taiwan's Nationalist government. Tokyo has no official diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

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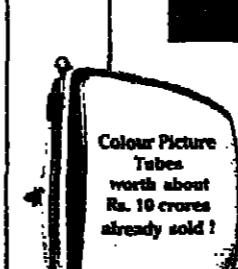
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GIC tries to give more investment opportunities

Quick return of Gulf investments ruled out

By Khaled Ahmad

THE Executive Chairman of Gulf Investment Corporation (GIC), Dr Khaled Al Fayed, ruled out a "quick return" of Gulf investments from abroad as a result of the world stock markets crash last year and the continuous fluctuations in these markets.

In an exclusive interview with the Arab Times, Dr Al Fayed stressed that the main reason Gulf capital was invested abroad was the lack of enough investment opportunities in the Gulf countries. He described this as the main obstacle and cause for this problem.

He denied that Gulf capital went outside the Gulf because of better returns abroad, and emphasised that national capital would return to their countries as soon as enough investment opportunities were created.

Positive

Dr Al Fayed described the activities and functioning of the GIC during the past three years as "encouraging and positive" in a way that exceeded all expectations.

He revealed the GIC contributed \$52 million to the capital of ten important Gulf investment projects, the total capital of which was over \$250 million and its investment costs more than \$80 million.

Dr Al Fayed stressed that the GIC was different from other establishments in the way it



Dr Khaled Al Fayed

worked to create and provide investment opportunities, evaluate them and after studying their economic feasibility, offering them to Gulf investors of the private sector.

The GIC also enters as a partner in the capital of some projects and is planning to enter as a financier for such projects in the future.

He stressed that the GIC dealt in a dynamic manner with the available investment opportunities in the GCC states.

He emphasised that whenever the GIC found a good investment opportunity, it did not hesitate to provide finances as the main obstacle and cause for this problem.

He denied that Gulf capital went outside the Gulf because of better returns abroad, and emphasised that national capital would return to their countries as soon as enough investment opportunities were created.

Investment

Dr Al Fayed said that the GIC was "not neglecting the best forms of investment," namely the development of human resources.

Hesaid that 52 GIC employees underwent training courses in the Gulf and abroad last year alone. He added that the cost of training only last year was more than \$70,000 or about six per cent of the staff expenses in the GIC.

He added that the Gulf employees in the GIC formed 60 per cent of the total employees, followed by other Arabs at 20 per cent and foreigners of low skills, especially drivers, at 20 per cent.

He said that the GIC also contributed to rationalising investment decision-making in the Gulf, through providing investment opportunities to the private sector in the GCC states. He said that the GIC studied over 90 investment project ideas, and

after studying and evaluating these ideas, it committed itself to take part as a partner in ten of the projects. It contributed directly to the capital of these projects, and may in future cover part of their financial requirements in the form of loans.

He said that the GIC was currently evaluating 33 investment projects, and the provisional studies looked encouraging.

He said that among the projects were the Kuwait Pharmaceutical Industries Company to which it contributed 20 per cent of the capital, and the Qatari Dairies Co with the same share.

He said that the GIC also contributed in the capitals of several projects in the other Gulf states such as the Saudi National Industries Company, Al Shaer Co, of Saudi Arabia, Titanium Oxide Company, and others. All these companies belonged to the private sector. It also contributed to the capitals of three Saudi maintenance projects including maintenance of aircraft engines and bodies.

Dr Al Fayed added that the GIC was currently studying a number of important projects before deciding to take part in them. These included a project on coal oil with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, aluminium factories in Bahrain and Dubai, tyres and petrochemical products.

The GIC was also studying agricultural and semi agricultural projects, a dairy project in

UAE as well as fish breeding and growing of palm trees by modern methods.

The GIC was also studying a project to manufacture bulbs and soft drinks bottles.

Study

Dr Al Fayed said that the comprehensive study being carried out in cooperation with the GCC General Secretariat, on investment opportunities, also aimed at studying the positions of current projects in GCC states and the reasons for the failure of some. It will discuss the possibility of the GIC helping in such projects, if some require to expand or strengthen their technical administration.

He stressed that the GIC considered investment returns on its projects as "very important," because it dealt "on a purely commercial basis," but differed from other establishments by directly entering the projects and searching for new investment opportunities.

Activities

Asked whether the GIC was planning to expand its investment activities beyond the GCC borders, Dr Al Fayed stressed that the GIC's "main concern at present" was on the GCC states.

He said that the GIC board of directors had decided to concentrate on the GCC states and not to enter any investment projects outside the GCC states.

But he said that in future the GIC may expand its activities to include Arab and foreign countries.

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SPORTS

Sri Lanka cruise to 115-run win

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia, Jan 30. (Reuter): A four-wicket haul by medium-pacer Chaminda Ramanayake helped sweep Sri Lanka to a 115-run victory in a one-day game against a Northern Territory Invitational XI today.

Ramanayake claimed former Test batsmen David Hookes and Wayne Phillips plus their South Australian teammate Glenn Bishop among his victims in an eight-over spell costing only 12 runs.

Sri Lanka, who were put in to bat, scored 251 for five off 50 overs and then dismissed the Northern Territory side for 136.

As thunder clouds threatened, the Invitational XI, who included five South Australian players, lost Bishop for six, Hookes for seven and Phillips for a duck.

After heavy rain and an overnight electrical storm the start was delayed by half an hour.

But Sri Lanka made light work of an erratic pace attack with Arjuna Ranatunga top scoring with 85.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA	
B. Kumble c Hemb b May	34
M. Samarasekera c McCarthy b	25
Perme b	25
A. Goranage run out	70
P. de Silva c Hookes b McCarthy	70
A. Ranatunga c Boyd b Zesers	85
G. de Alwis not out	10
Asoka de Silva not out	1
Extras (b-11 D-10 w-5)	26
Total (for five wickets)	251
50 overs	
Fall of wickets: 1-52 2-52 3-84 4-213 5-250.	
Bowling: Boyd 6-0-38-0 (2w), Bishop 10-2-35-1 (1w), Hemb 3-0-15-0, (2w) May 10-0-43-1, McCarthy 10-0-62-1, Zesers 10-1-45-1.	

NORTHERN TERRITORY	
G. Bishop c Samarasekera b Ramanayake	6
S. Wisdom run out	19
H. Hemb b Ramanayake	0
W. Phillips b Ramanayake	0
D. Hookes c Asoka de Silva b Ramanayake	0
R. Wright b Asoka de Silva	14
D. Boyd run out	15
T. May run out	22
S. McCarthy b Tilkeratne	28
A. Zesers not out	2
B. Perme run out	8
Extras (b-12 w-3)	15
Total (43.3 overs)	136
Fall of wickets: 1-6 2-7 3-9 4-12 5-23 6-48 7-53 7-84 8-122 9-124.	
Bowling: Ramanayake 8-4-12-4, Asoka de Silva 6-3-15-0 (w-1), Samarasekera 5-0-19-0 (w-2), A. de Silva 10-1-32-1, Karampura 10-2-31-4, Tilkeratne 4-0-15-1.	

Buckingham rescues Tasmania

LAunceston, Australia, Jan 30. (Reuter): Danny Buckingham had a spirited recovery by Tasmania today after they had looked likely to crumble against Victoria on the second day of their four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match.

Buckingham hit an undefeated 51 as Tasmania took their first innings total to 179 for four in reply to Victoria's 409 for four declared.

Early Victorian opener Gary Watts, playing his first game for Victoria for four years, was finally out for 176. Former Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee took three wickets today for 29 to end with figures of three for 92.

Tasmania were in trouble early on when opener Glenn Hughes was forced to retire hurt after mistiming a hook shot off paceman Paul Reiffel.

Scores: Victoria 409 for eight declared (Gary Watts 176, David Whatmore 52, Dennis Lillee three for 92); Tasmania 179 for four (Danny Buckingham 51 not out).

AUSTRALIA REACH 14 FOR NO LOSS

Broad fined as England meander to 425

SYDNEY, Jan 30. (Reuter): England made few friends among Australian cricket supporters today by taking almost two days of a celebration cricket Test match to meander to 425.

At stumps on the second sunlit day, Australia had reached 14 without loss after 40 minutes at the crease in their first innings.

Little aggression was shown by the English batting line-up except for Chris Broad, who was fined £500 (\$900) for persistently knocking his leg stump out of the ground after being dismissed for 139.

Recent

It was the second time in a few weeks that the left-handed opener had been in trouble. In the first Test of the controversial recent series against Pakistan, Broad was reprimanded after his 138. It was a sad end to a fine innings.

England tour manager Peter Lush, announcing the fine, told journalists: "There can be no excuses. It was a sad end to a fine innings."

"Everybody was told before the tour started what was expected of them. No matter how disappointed you are, you don't do those things."

Australian wicketkeeper Greg Dyer also had an eventful day, claiming two stumpings and a



Athey sweeps a ball from Taylor as Border and Dyer watch. (Reuter wirephoto)

catch before having to leave the field after a lifting ball from Peter Taylor hit him square between the eyes with a sickening crack.

Broad was the second of Steve Waugh's victims in the morning session. England had added 24 to their overnight 221 for two before England captain Mike Gatting edged a lifting delivery straight to wicketkeeper Dyer. Gatting scored 13.

Seventeen runs later Broad thought Waugh was going to dish up yet another bouncer and ducked. But the ball was of regulation length and deflected

off the opener's gloves onto his stumps, triggering his disappointed reaction.

Broad was the second highest in Test cricket after 162 in the second Test of the 1986/87 Ashes tour in Perth.

The rest of an undistinguished England line-up all contributed runs to the total with Bill Athey playing some fluent drives in his 37 before he was caught and bowled by Peter Taylor.

Taylor, returning to the ground where he took eight wickets on his debut, garnered



Gatting heads for the dressing room after being dismissed. (Reuter wirephoto)

another four by bowling a beautiful length and line in his second Test.

Bruce French struck some good blows before coming down the wicket to Taylor and being stumped for 47, his team's

second highest score.

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GCC Military Championships open in Kuwait

THE first GCC Military Championships opened in Kuwait yesterday under the patronage of HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad.

The championships were declared open by Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad, who had been deputed by HH the Amir to attend the event on his behalf.

The opening was attended by the Interior Minister, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Minister of Electricity and Water, Homoud Al Rqoub, Minister of Communications, Abdulla Al Sharhan and the Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Mezyed Ali Sani. All the ambassadors of the six GCC states taking part in the event were also present.

Stay

The Defence Minister, while opening the championship, wished all the participants a happy stay in Kuwait.

After the opening, parachutists from the United Arab Emirates jumped from helicopters, hovering at a height of 5,000 feet, carrying the flags of the GCC states. This was followed by a display by fighter planes.

After the opening, Sheikh Nawaf told newsmen that he was happy that the first championship had been held in Kuwait and that the GCC defence ministers had decided to hold the event every year.

Today, the competition starts in shooting and taekwondo.

SPORTS BRIEFS
Unity hockey

ENTRIES have opened for the Unity hockey 1988/89 season. The tournaments set to be held at the Ahmadi hockey grounds will commence shortly. Entries will be open until Feb. 8. For further information contact Mohammed Naeem, tele. 3984175 (off), 3982776 (res) or 3984111 ext 6228

Title fight

RHIMINI, Italy, Jan 30. (Reuter): René Jacquot of France stopped Luigi Minchillo of Italy in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-round fight yesterday to win the vacant European light-middleweight boxing title.

Top boxer

MEXICO CITY, Jan 30. (Reuter): The world Boxing Council (WBC) yesterday named Mike Tyson its January Boxer of the Month for having successfully defended his heavyweight title against fellow American Larry Holmes on January 22.

Nigeria win

LAGOS, Jan 30. (Reuter): Nigeria qualified for the 1988 Olympic soccer tournament when they beat Algeria 2-0 after extra time in an African zone third round second match today for a 2-1 aggregate victory.

Qureshi takes Forces past Casuals

CASUALS failed by only four runs to overtake Forces in an exciting Rahim League match at Ahmadi on Thursday. The game went all the way into the last over and could have turned at any point but Forces held on to win.

Forces batted first with openers Naeem (48) and Qureshi (33) putting on 80 for the first wicket against some accurate bowling from Anderson and Snowdon.

It took the much-improved slow bowling of Peter David (four for 38) to make the breakthrough when Casuals seemed to be losing grip. He removed both the openers and worked his way through the remainder, helping keep the score down to 129 after 24 overs.

Debut

In reply, Casuals suffered an early setback when Tidball was adjudged caught behind. They lost a second wicket when Clements was bowled. This brought in Frank Davis for his batting debut and he scored 20 before he was stumped.

At the other end, Kevin Wells kept moving the score along and with Richard Snowdon (12) seemed to have turned the game around when Qureshi (five for 23) struck to remove Snowdon and then Wood.

Richardson made a brief appearance before Anderson came in and began hitting the ball. When only the last over remaining, Casuals needed 16 runs for victory but could manage only 12 to leave their total at 125 with Wells unbeaten on 57 and Anderson on 11.

JORDAN FINISH IN 4TH PLACE

Pakistan tame Singapore for crown



The Pakistani team with the championship trophy.



Jahangir receives the singles trophy from Sheikh Salem.

WORLD and Asian champions Pakistan retain the team title at the 4th Asian Squash Championship after beating Singapore 3-0 yesterday at the Al Arabi squash courts.

Pakistan, after winning their first three matches in the final round easily, ran into a little tougher opposition in their last game as the Singaporeans tried to contain the champions' onslaught.

In the first match, Qamar Zaman proved that he is back to his best in thrashing Heng 9-1 9-4 9-2. Although the first and last sets were easy for Qamar, he was made to struggle a little in the second.

Except

Umer Hayat then sealed the championship for Pakistan when he beat Antony Chua 9-5 9-4 9-2. Except for the third set, Umer was made to fight for every point in the first and second sets.

In the third match, Jahangir Khan had even a tougher game against Izzaini Abedin. Jahangir, who took the singles crown earlier this year, eventually won 9-5 9-4 9-6. Abedin, a world ranked player, did not give anything away and made Jahangir, the world No. 2, earn every point.

Early yesterday morning, Jordan beat Hong Kong 2-1 to finish in 4th place. All the games went to either four or five sets.

In the first match, Andrew of

Hong Kong beat Wael Tablat of Jordan 9-3 10-6 9-9-5. This was the only victory that Hong Kong had as the Jordanians fought back through Hamed Al Said and Eyd Kamal.

Hamed got the equalizer for Jordan by beating Tony Chua 9-5 9-4 9-7 and Eyd sealed Jordan's victory with a 9-3 9-5 10-9 win over Bon.

Malaysia took the third position.

Pleasure

Meanwhile the president of the Kuwait Squash Federation, Sheikh Fahd Saad Al Abdullah, expressed his pleasure over the conduct of the championship.

The Kuwait federation

Addressing the gathering, at the closing ceremony, Sheikh Fahd said this tournament had seen the largest gathering of squash players since 1980.

Sheikh Fahd expressed his gratitude and admiration for all the teams which participated in the tournament. He said that all the teams displayed a very high standard of sportsman spirit which contributed to the success of the event.

Sheikh Fahd also congratulated the Pakistani squad for winning the titles in the singles and team events. He announced that Hong Kong had been given the award for showing the best sporting spirit.

The Kuwait federation

president, talking about the performance of the Kuwaiti team, said that although luck did not favour the home team, all the players put in their best and expressed hope that Kuwait would do better in the next championship.

Merely

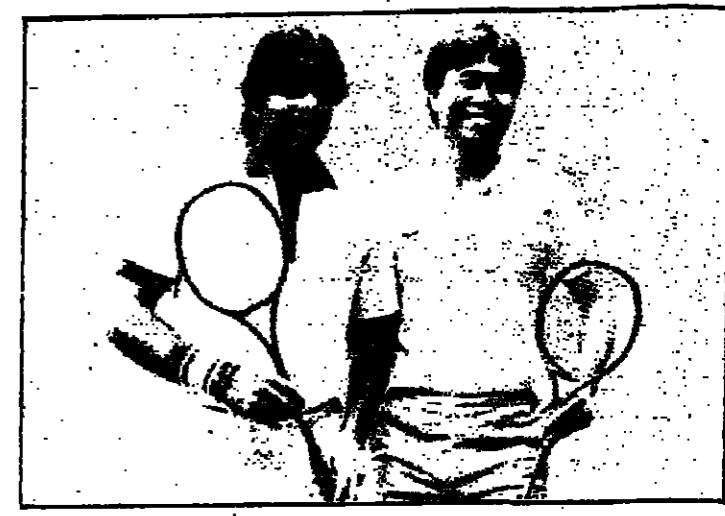
The Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, while speaking on the significance of the championship, said that the Kuwaiti youths had gained a lot from this event by playing against world class players like Jahangir Khan and Qamar Zaman.

Sheikh Salem added that the Kuwaiti team had not lost in this

tournament, because merely playing against world class players was a very big gain for the home team.

The chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Salman Al Hmoud, praised the conduct of the championship and said that it had been a success on the technical, administrative and sports levels.

Sheikh Hmoud added that the success of this championship, like all the other international events held by Kuwait recently, clearly showed the importance that the Kuwait government attaches to youths and sports in Kuwait. He called on Kuwaiti youths to live up to the expectations on every occasion and event.



Jahangir (left) and Abedin after their match.

Norman and Jansher move into semifinals

ANTWERP, Belgium, Jan 30. (Reuter): Defending champion Ross Norman of New Zealand and Pakistani world champion Jansher Khan both posted quarterfinal wins yesterday to stay on course for a showdown in the Belgian Grand Prix squash tournament final.

Norman beat unseeded Australian Austin Adarraga 10-8 9-6 9-1, while Jansher survived a scare in the second game to defeat seventh seeded Neil Harvey of Britain 9-6 9-7 9-1.

Renowned

Jansher scored nine points in a row after trailing 1-0 in that second game to break the resistance of Harvey, who is renowned for his victory over Norman in the 1987 World Championships.

Norman, the 1986 world champion, narrowly escaped defeat in the first game by using all the tricks in the book.

In the second game, Adarraga held on until 4-4 but then lost concentration by arguing with the referees. Norman took advantage to clinch the game, and swept his opponent aside in the third.

Norman, aiming to win the \$40,000 tournament for the third consecutive time and seize the

diamond-studded Belgian squash trophy, said afterwards he considered Jansher was certainly beatable.

"But I'm generally not at my best now," he said.

Norman said he had come to Antwerp to win the trophy, worth \$26,000.

"The prospect of that amount of money and a match against Jansher doesn't make me nervous," he added. "But first he must face Australian Brett Martin in the semifinals.

Martin mercilessly trounced his best friend and third-seeded compatriot Tristan Nancarrow 9-6 9-2 9-4 — a win that was undoubtedly helped by Nancarrow's serious knee injury.

Nancarrow said earlier he was only 50 or 60 percent fit in his left knee.

Fourth-seed Phil Kenyon of Britain booked a semifinal clash with Jansher by romping past compatriot Stuart Hallstone, the sixth seed. 9-3 9-2 9-2.

"He beat me twice before," Kenyon said of Jansher. "But who knows, a lot depends on the day, how he feels and how I feel. I think I have my little strategy ready. I must try not to let him dominate me."

Nierlich leads Austrians to top Cup positions

SCHLADMING, Austria, Jan 30. (AP): Rudi Nierlich led a quartet of Austrians to the top places in a World Cup giant slalom ski race today, the last men's race before the Winter Olympics.

Nierlich was timed in 2 minutes 45.54 seconds for the two runs. Hubert Strolz was second in 2:45.63. Helmut Mayer and Gunther Mader followed in 2:46.03 and 2:46.91, respectively.

Maintain

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen finished eighth, one place ahead of Italy's Alberto Tomba, to maintain the World Cup overall lead which he gained with yesterday's downhill victory.

It was the first World Cup victory for Nierlich. 21. He had seconds in both the morning and afternoon runs down the course, which dropped 396 metres and had 57 gates. His individual times were 1:19.68 and 1:25.86.

His best finish before today was a second in the Alpe Adria, Italy, Giant Slalom.

Mayer was the leader after the morning run in 1:18.79, while Strolz led the second run in 1:25.70, but neither were as consistent as Nierlich: Mayer, who had won a giant slalom in Kranjska Gora, Yugoslavia, this season was just 10th in the second run.

It was the first time the Austrians swept the first four places in a race since 1982, when Harti Weirather led four Austrians in downhill race.

Hans Peter of Switzerland broke the Austrian streak today by finishing fifth in 2:46.94. Markus Wasmeier of West Germany was sixth in 2:47.11 just ahead of another Austrian, Hans Ehn, who finished in 2:47.38.

Zurbriggen and Tomba each had problems, both making a few errors. Zurbriggen nonetheless held onto his advantage in the overall standings by staying ahead of Tomba.

Zurbriggen now has 219 points to 213 for Tomba, who had won three earlier giant slaloms and has four slalom victories this year.

Budd qualifies for world championships

GATESHEAD, England, Jan 30. (AP): Anti-apartheid demonstrators ran on to the course but failed to stop South African Zola Budd finishing fourth today to take her place in Britain's team for the World Cross Country championships.

Four demonstrators, one carrying a banner, broke through a security barrier and tried to block Budd's path on the first lap of the world championship trial at the Riverside Bowl course.

But the 21-year-old runner, who became a British citizen in 1984, side-stepped the protesters to finish a long way behind the winner, Angela Tooby of Wales.

The winner, whose sister, Susan, finished third, covered the 5,400-metres' course in 18 minutes 16 seconds, while Budd was timed at 18:42. Second was Jill Hunter in 18:56.

Her fourth place meant she automatically qualifies for the World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand, in March. Anti-apartheid groups in New Zealand already have warned of demonstrations if Budd races in the World Championships.



McClair (left) got one goal for United.

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Conceding

Spurs, who have won the trophy seven times, never recovered from conceding two goals in the opening 25 minutes scored by midfielder Ray Walker and long-servicing defender Phil Sprouson.

Fourth Division Leyton Orient also threatened to join Port Vale as giant killers of the round when they led Notts County, nearest challengers to runaway First Division leaders Liverpool, with a 52nd-minute goal by Ian Juryell — his seventh in as many matches.

But plucky Orient, managed by former Forest player Frank Clark, were unable to stay with the First Division side as the game wore on and two goals in a six-minute spell midway through the half by 17-year-old Lee Glover and Calvin Plummer settled the tie 2-1 in Forest's favour.

Liverpool, the 7-2 Cup

favoured, face a searching tie away to Second Division leaders Aston Villa tomorrow.

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Opening

Middlesbrough travelled to Goodison Park to hold League champions Everton to a 1-1 draw

and Bradford scored three times in the opening 32 minutes on their way to a 4-2 victory over Division One side Oxford.

Scotland international Graeme Sharp, scorer of a hat-trick in Everton's 5-0 blitzing of Sheffield Wednesday in the third replay of their third-round tie.

Three days ago, fired his side ahead just before half-time. But undaunted, Middlesbrough came back to equalise through Paul Kerr in the 47th minute.

Brain McClair, like compatriot Sharp enjoying a rich spell of form shrugged off the disappointment of seeing his seventh minute penalty saved by Chelsea keeper Roger Freestone to score his 19th goal of the season and help Manchester United to a 2-0 win.

Norman

Whiteside scored United's first.

Biggest winners of the day were in-form Newcastle who routed Second Division Swindon 5-0. Paul Gascoigne scoring twice. The ease of their victory must have surprised Newcastle as Swindon have beaten First Division clubs Portsmouth, Derby, Norwich and Chelsea in Cup ties this season.

The tie between London clubs' Queen's Park Rangers and West Ham was held up for an hour

when the tightly-packed crowd spilled on to the pitch.